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1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.

a. blighted

b. confutative

c. ravenous

d. ostentatious

e. blissful

2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary _____ in the dialogue.

a. vulgarity

b. verbosity

c. vocalizations

d. garishness

e. tonality

3. His neighbors found his _____ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

a. insentient

b. magisterial

c. reparatory

d. restorative

e. modest

4. Rajendra is always _____ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.

a. legible

b. tolerable

c. punctual

d. literal

e. belligerent

5. Garvit would _____ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

a. advocate

b. provoke

c. perforate

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d. lamente
e. expunge

6. The dress Anuradha wore _____ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.

a. titillated
b. reiterated
c. scintillated
d. enthralled
e. striated

7. Being able to afford this luxury car will _____ getting a better- paying job.

a. maximize
b. recombinant
c. reiterate
d. necessitate
e. reciprocate

8. Leela unknowingly _____ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

a. coerced
b. proclaimed
c. abetted
d. sanctioned
e. solicited

9. Shakespeare, a(n) _____ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.

a. numeric
b. obstinate
c. dutiful
d. prolific
e. generic

10. I had the _____ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.

a. satisfactory
b. commendable

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d. acceptable
e. acute

11. Prince Ram Pratap had to choose: marry the woman he loved and _____ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Gaytri and inherit the crown.

a. reprimand
b. upbraid
c. abdicate
d. winnow
e. extol

12. If you will not do your work of your own _____, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.

a. predilection
b. coercion
c. excursion
d. volition
e. infusion

13. After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became _____.

a. malodorous
b. prevalent
c. imposing
d. perforated
e. emphatic

14. Gagan soon discovered the source of the _____ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.

a. quaint
b. fastidious
c. clandestine
d. laconic
e. fetid

15. After making _____ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.

a. hospitable
b. itinerant

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c. enterprising
d. chivalrous
e. irreverent

16. With her _____ eyesight, Radha spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.

a. inferior
b. keen
c. impressionable
d. ductile
e. conspiratorial

17. With a(n) _____ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.

a. jaundiced
b. nefarious
c. stereotypical
d. sentimental
e. impartial

18. Her _____ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.

a. maudlin
b. meritorious
c. precarious
d. plausible
e. schematic

19. Anil argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are _____ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."

a. acquitted
b. steadfast
c. tenuous
d. complicit
e. nullified

20. The authorities, fearing a _____ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.

a. subversion

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b. premonition
c. predilection
d. infusion
e. inversion

Solutions

1. c.
Ravenous (adj.) means extremely hungry.
2. a.
Vulgarity (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.
3. b.
Magisterial (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.
4. c.
Punctual (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.
5. b.
To provoke (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.
6. c.
To scintillate (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
7. d.
To necessitate (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
8. c.
To abet (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
9. d.
Prolific (adj.) means abundantly creative.
10. c.
Galling (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
11. c.
To abdicate (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.

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12. d.

Volition (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.

13. a.

Malodorous (adj.) means having a foulsmelling odor.

14. e.

Fetid (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.

15. e.

Irreverent (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.

16. b.

Keen (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.

17. b.

Nefarious (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.

18. a.

Maudlin (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.

19. d.

Complicit (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.

20. a.

Subversion (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.

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1. The teacher must ________. The unique style of a learner in order to ________ it to the desired knowledge.

(a)advocate, direct

(b)perpetuate, develop

(c) appreciate, focus

(d) absorb, maintain

(e)discover, harness

2. Not all countries benefit ________ from liberalisation. The benefits tend to ________ first to the advantaged and to those with the right education to be able to benefit from the opportunities presented.

(a)equally, generate

(b)richly, downgrade

(c)suitably, ascribe

(d) uniformly, percolate

(e) Judiciously facilitate

3. He has ________ sense of words. Therefore, the sentence he constructs are always ________ with rich meaning.

(a)profound, pregnant

(b)distinguished, loaded

(c)terrific, tempted

(d)meaningful, full

(e)outstanding, consistent

4. He was an ________ musician, had been awarded the George Medal during the second world war and ________ with the title of Rai Bahadur.

(a)outstanding,popularise

(b)underestimated, declared

(c)accomplished, honored

(d)impressive, assigned

(e)obdurate, proclaimed

5. Whether it be shallow or not, commitment is the ________ the ________ bedrock of any loving relationship.

(a) expression, perfunctory

(b) foundation, genuinely
(c)manifestation, deep
(d)key, alarmingly
(e)basis, absorbing

6. Many people take spirituality very seriously and ________ about those who don't worrying about them and ________ them to believe

(a)think, criticising
(b)pride, appraising
(c)rationalise,enabling
(d)wonder, prodding
(e)ponder, venturing

7. Unless new reserves are found soon the worlds supply of coal is being ________ in such a way that with demand continuing to grow at present rates, reserves will be ________ by the year 2050

(a) consumed, completed
(b) depleted, exhausted
(c) reduced, argument
(d)burnt, destroyed
(e)utilized, perished

8. If you are a ________ you tend to respond to stressful situations, in a calm, secure, steady and ________ way.

(a)resilient, rational
(b)obdurate, manageable
(c)propitious, stable
(d)delectable, . flexible
(e) supportive, positive

9. Management can be defined as the process of ________ organizational goals by working with and through human and nonhuman resources to ________ improve value added to the world.

(a) getting, deliberately
(b)managing,. purposefully
(c)targeting,. critically
(d)realizing, dialectically
(e)reaching, continuously

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10. If you are an introvert, you ________ to prefer working alone and, if possible, will ________. towards projects where you can work by yourself or with as few people as possible.

(a) like, depart
(b) advocate, move
(c)tend, gravitate
(d) express, attract
(e) feel, follow

11. The ________ playing of loud music has led the angry residents of this vicinity to file a police complaint and move court against the organisers lack of ________ for the peoples need for a peaceful neighborhood.

(a)peaceful, thought
(b)abrupt, hope
(c)incessant, consideration
(d)fashionable, friendliness
(e)intermittent, interpretation

12. The ________ of the chronic balance of payments deficit which has ________ the Finance Ministry under three Prime Ministers is very real.

(a)temptation, reviled
(b)understanding, menaced
(c)impact, underestimated
(d)obligation, blessed
(e)dilemma, plagued

13. Britain for the present, is deeply ________ in economic troubles, and the economic future, heavily ________ looks uncertain.

(a)engrossed, responsive
(b)ingrained, skeptical
(c)saturate, enveloped
(d)mired, mortgaged
(e)restrained, participative

14. Belief that, the free ________ of ideas, people and cultures is essential to the ________ of a democratic society.

(a)selection, concurrence
(b)interchange, preservation

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(c)reversal, upholding

(d)dissemination, congruence

(e)distinction, design

15. As this country has become more ________ industrial and inter nationalised, it has like all Western democracies, experienced a necessary increase in the ________ of the executive.

(a)urbanized, role

(b)objective, wealth

(c)synthesized, efficiency

(d)civilized, convenience

(e)concretized, vision

16. More is ________. of conditions of the tribal's in Maharashtra than ________ conditions of those in the other parts of the country.

(a)certain,the

(b)known,,of

(c) aware, of

(d)favorable,,those

(e)uncertain,,all

17. Although ________ is not a very desirable feeling, We need a certain amount of it to ________ well.

(a)anxiety, exist

(b)grief, enjoy

(c) impatience, preach

(d)anger, define

(e)jealousy, bad

18. Although he is a________ person, he occasionally loses his ________

(a) quiet, power

(b)cheerful, grief

(c) balanced, temper

(d)thoughtful, anxiety

(e)generous, wealthy

19. In a ________ tone me leaner made a powerful ________to the mob.

(a)realistic, zeal

(b) lower, conviction

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(c) loud, argument
(d)soft, appeal
(e) pitch, statement

20. The tunnel was so ________ and congested, that we became ________

(a)long, enthusiastic
(b)deep, cautious
(c)dark,.frightened
(d) crowded, isolated
(e)sharp, worried

Solutions

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. b
6. d
7. b
8. a
9. e
10. c
11. c
12. e
13. b
14. b
15. a
16. b
17. b
18. c
19. d
20. C

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1. The story's bitter antagonist felt such great _____ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.

a. insurgence
b. malevolence
c. reciprocation
e. preference

2. It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't _____!

a. bankruptcy
b. usury
c. novice
d. kleptomania
e. flagrancy

3. The _____ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.

a. impertinent
b. supplicant
c. preeminent
d. illustrative
e. kaleidoscopic

4. Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of _____ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.

a. hirsute
b. acrimonious
c. plaintive
d. deciduous
e. votive

5. Kapil was _____ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.

a. indispensable
b. indiscriminate
c. commensurate

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d. propulsive
e. indisputable

6. Prem's _____ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.

a. aloof
b. jesting
c. grave
d. earnest
e. conservative

7. Bajirav's pale maratha skin was _____ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.

a. prone
b. urbane
c. eminent
d. erect
e. daunted

8. A fan of historical fiction, Jayant is now reading a novel about slavery in the _____ South.

a. decorous
b. rogue
c. droll
d. antebellum
e. onerous

9. Over the years the Vivek slowly _____ upon the Khuranas' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Khuranas' land.

a. encroached
b. jettisoned
c. conjoined
d. repudiated
e. teemed

10. Mamta became _____ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.

a. proficient

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b. reflective
c. dormant
d. redundant
e. valiant

11. To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Sunita attempted to _____ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.

a. prescribe
b. probe
c. alienate
d. converge
e. revere

12. Jay's friends found him in a _____ mood after he learned he would be homecoming king.

a. jovial
b. stealthy
c. paltry
d. gullible
e. depleted

13. His suit of armor made the knight _____ to his enemy's attack, and he was able to escape safely to his castle.

a. vulnerable
b. churlish
c. invulnerable
d. static
e. imprudent

14. Choosing a small, fuel-efficient car is a _____ purchase for a recent college graduate.

a. corrupt
b. tedious
c. unhallowed
d. sardonic
e. judicious

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15. Such a _____ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.

a. copious
b. flagrant
c. raucous
d. nominal
e. morose

16. With all of the recent negative events in her life, she felt _____ forces must be at work.

a. resurgent
b. premature
c. malignant
d. punctilious
e. antecedent

17. The _____ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.

a. bemused
b. prosaic
c. apocryphal
d. ebullient
e. tantamount

18. When her schoolwork got to be too much, Rama had a tendency to _____, which always put her further behind.

a. dedicate
b. rejuvenate
c. ponder
d. excel
e. procrastinate

19. Radha's glance was a _____ invitation to speak later in private about events of the meeting.

a. trecherous
b. scintillating
c. tactful
d. tacit

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e. taboo

20. She reached the _____ of her career with her fourth novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize.

a. harbinger
b. apogee
c. metamorphosis
d. dictum
e. synthesis

Solutions

1. b. Malevolence (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.

2. b. Usury (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.

3. e. Kaleidoscopic (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.

4. e. Votive (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.

5. b. Indiscriminate (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction.

6. b. Jesting (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.

7. a. Prone (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.

8. d. Antebellum (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.

9. a. To encroach (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.

10. a. Proficient (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.

11. b. To probe (v.) is to examine thoroughly; tentatively survey.

12. a. Jovial (adj.) means showing hearty good cheer; marked with the spirit of jolly merriment.

13. c. Invulnerable (adj.) means incapable of being damaged

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or wounded; unassailable or invincible.

14. e. Judicious (adj.) means being wise or prudent; showing good judgment; sensible.

15. b. Flagrant (adj.) means conspicuously and outrageously bad, offensive, or reprehensible.

16. c. Malignant (adj.) means disposed to cause distress or inflict suffering intentionally; inclining to produce death; an injurious infiltration.

17. c. Apocryphal (adj.) means of questionable authenticity or doubtful authority; fictitious, false.

18. e. To procrastinate (v.) is to put off from day to day.

19. c. Tacit (adj.) means unspoken yet understood.

20. b. Apogee (n.) means the highest or farthest point, culmination; the point in its orbit where a satellite is at the greatest distance from the body it is orbiting.

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1. _________ the activities of moneylenders could have an adverse impact on those who _________ access to bank credit.

(a)encouraging, enjoying
(b)permitting, denied
(c)confining, entitled
(d)promoting, benefit
(e)curbing, lack .

2. The budget announced substantial _________ of to critical sectors like education and healthcare.

(a)expenditure
(b)sanction
(c)allotment
(d)disbursement
(e)allocation, resources

3. The government has decided not to make any changes in the country's tax _________ .

(a) regime
(b)hike
(c) net
(d) revenue
(e) structure

4. The RBI has _________ a statement that the implementation of KYC , norms should not lead to the denial of banking _________ to customers.

(a)released, asset
(b)issued, services
(c)drafted, clearing
(d)made, tariff,
(e)notified transaction

5. The new scheme _________ all persons with disabilities defined _________ the Disabilities Act.

(a)discriminates, according
(b)recognizes, beneath

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(c)profits, within
(d)covers, under
(e)promises, by

6. To avoid ________ there is a need for ________ planning of the project.

(a)cancellation, broad
(b)problem, deliberate
(c)pitfalls, systematic
(d)inconvenience, convenient
(e)losses, temporary

7. A good management will decide not only the ________ for equipment but also its ________ for deciding priorities.

(a)need, urgency
(b)usefulness, utility
(c)cost, value
(d)requirement, necessities
(e)technology, methodology

8. ________ appears to be a small error in the beginning may turn out to be a ________ in the long run.

(a)It, disaster
(b)What, blunder
(c)That, debacle
(d)It, slip
(e)What, incident

9. Being very________in nature, he always uses his ________ skills.

(a)adamant, soft
(b)polite, basic
(c)humble, experimental
(d)pushy, persuasive
(e)mild, aggressive

10. Demand and supply do not ________ the same relationship as the one that ________ between height and weight.

(a)possess, has
(b) Incur, is
(c)defend, volunteers

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(d)bear, borne
(e)have, exists

11. If the system ________ to yield the desired result, try to________ the whole procedure in the given sequence.

(a)entitles, dump
(b)Ignores, reproduce
(c)fails, reoperate
(d)Imitates, generate
(e)equips, encompass

12. He is so ________ in his approach that not a single point ever ________ his attention.

(a) meticulous, escapes
(b)casual, erodes
(c)fanatic, brings
(d)deliberate, attracts
(e)nasty, coincides

13. Generally, ________ students ________ those who are mediocre.

(a)humble, surmount
(b)meritorious, surpass
(c)bright, overestimate
(d)intelligent, surrender
(e)studious, respect

14. ________ and________ should not be tolerated In our country which boasts of Ahimsa as its way of life.

(a)Politicking, elections
(b)Dishonor, efficiency
(c)Lethargy, procrastination
(d)Nepotism, selfishness
(e)Hatred, violence

15. He ________a wrong act because it was ________ for him to do so due to circumstantial forces.

(a)compelled, necessary
(b)refused, dangerous
(c)did, avoidable

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(d)committed, inevitable
(e)simplified, harmful

16. Many teachers ________ the lack of professional freedom as the ________ for leaving the job.

(a)cited, reason
(b)explained, force
(c)claimed, understanding
(d)argued, culprit
(e)believe, ground

17. Skeptics would not ________ that the earth actually moves, let alone that it ________around the sun.

(a)permit, orbits
(b)accept, revolves
(c)experience, circles
(d)assume, went
(e)challenge, spins

18. Unpredictable ________ of the child could not lead the consultants to any ________ .

(a)performance, setting
(b)belief, judgment
(c)operation, purpose
(d)behavior, conclusion
(e)react, decision

19. A public servant who is guilty will not ________ punishment and no ________ person will be punished.

(a)be, sincere
(b)flee, guilty
(c)defend, common
(d)avoid, uninformed
(e)escape, innocent

20. Few professions can ________ the sheer variety and constant ________ of being a doctor.

(a)like, struggle
(b)share, enthusiast

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(c)match, challenge
(d)draw, workload
(e)justify, exception

Solutions

1. e
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. d
6. c
7. a
8. b
9. e
10. d
11. c
12. a
13. e
14. e
15. d
16. a
17. b
18. d
19. e
20. c

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1. The _____ townspeople celebrated the soldier’s return to his home by adorning trees with yellow ribbons and balloons.

a. somber
b. jubilant
c. pitiless
d. cunning
e. unsullied

2. The governor-elect was hounded by a group of _____ lobbyists and others hoping to gain favor with her administration.

a. facetious
b. abstruse
c. magnanimous
d. fawning
e. saccharine

3. The mock graduation ceremony—with a trained skunk posing as the college president—was a complete _____ that offended many college officials.

a. tempest
b. epitome
c. quintessence
d. travesty
e. recitative

4. The busy, _____ fabric of the clown’s tie matched his oversized jacket, which was equally atrocious.

a. mottled
b. bleak
c. credible
d. malleable
e. communicable

5. Kamlesh’s talent _____ under the tutelage of Anjum chopra, who as a young woman had been the most accomplished pianist in her native Punjab.

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a. bantered
b. touted
c. flourished
d. embellished
e. colluded

6. The children were _____ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Karan pointed out that the messages were in code.

a. censured
b. striated
c. feigned
d. prevaricated
e. flummoxed

7. As the _____ in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo is a hero able to capture the audience's sympathy by continually professing his love for Juliet.

a. protagonist
b. enigma
c. facade
d. activist
e. catechist

8. The chess master promised to _____ havoc upon his opponent's pawns for taking his bishop.

a. wreak
b. warrant
c. ensue
d. placate
e. endow

9. I have always admired Seymour's _____; I've never seen him rattled by anything.

a. aplomb
b. confluence
c. propriety
d. compunction
e. nostalgia

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10. The soldiers received a military _____ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.

a. allotment
b. dominion
c. affectation
d. calculation
e. mandate

11. As _____ beings we live each day conscious of our shortcomings and victories.

a. sensational
b. sentient
c. sentimental
d. static
e. senile

12. The curious crowd gathered to watch the irate customer _____ about the poor service he received in the restaurant.

a. antiquate
b. trivialize
c. rant
d. placate
e. fetter

13. The man's _____ driving resulted in a fourcar pile-up on the freeway.

a. burdensome
b. charismatic
c. exceptional
d. boastful
e. negligent

14. Ron didn't know the rules of rugby, but he could tell by the crowd's reaction that it was a critical _____ in the game.

a. acclamation
b. conviction
c. juncture
d. enigma
e. revelation

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15. My ancestor who lost his life in the Revolutionary War was a _____ for American independence.

a. knave
b. reactionary
c. compatriot
d. nonconformist
e. martyr

16. The _____ sound of the radiator as it released steam became an increasingly annoying distraction.

a. sibilant
b. scintillating
c. diverting
d. sinuous
e. scurrilous

17. It is helpful for salesmen to develop a good _____ with their customers in order to gain their trust.

a. platitude
b. rapport
c. ire
d. tribute
e. disinclination

18. In such a small office setting, the office manager found he had _____ responsibilities that required knowledge in a variety of different topics.

a. heedless
b. complementary
c. mutual
d. manifold
e. correlative

19. David's _____ entrance on stage disrupted the scene and caused the actors to flub their lines.

a. untimely
b. precise
c. lithe
d. fortuitous

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e. tensile

20. The settlers found an ideal location with plenty of _____ land for farming and a mountain stream for fresh water and irrigation.

a. candid

b. provincial

c. arable

d. timid

e. quaint

Solutions

1. b.

Jubilant (adj.) means rejoicing; expressing joyfulness; exulting.

2. d.

Fawning (adj.) means attempting to win favor or attention by excessive flattery, ingratiating displays of affection, or servile compliance; obsequious.

3. d.

Travesty (n.) means a parody; a grotesque imitation with the intent to ridicule.

4. a.

Mottled (adj.) means blotched or spotted with different colors or shades.

5. c.

To flourish (v.) is (of artists) to be in a state of high productivity, excellence, or influence; to grow luxuriously, thrive; to fare well, prosper, increase in wealth, honor, comfort or whatever is desirable; to make bold, sweeping movements.

6. e.

To flummox (v.) is to confuse, perplex, bewilder.

7. a.

A protagonist (n.) is the main character in a drama.

8. a.

To wreak (v.) means to inflict, as a revenge or punishment.

9. a.

Aplomb (n.) is self-assurance, composure, poise, especially under strain.

10. e.

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Mandate (n.) is a command or authoritative instruction.

11. b.

Sentient (adj.) means possessing the power of sense or senseperception; conscious.

12. c.

To rant (v.) means to speak loudly or violently.

13. e.

Negligent (adj.) means to habitually lack in giving proper care or attention; having a careless manner.

14. c.

Juncture (n.) is a point of time, especially one that is at a critical point.

15. e.

A martyr (n.) is one who sacrifices something of supreme value, such as a life, for a cause or principle; a victim; one who suffers constantly.

16. a.

Sibilant (adj.) means characterized by a hissing sound.

17. b.

A rapport (n.) is a relationship that is useful and harmonious.

18. d.

Manifold (adj.) means many and varied; of many kinds; multiple.

19. a.

Untimely (adj.) means happening before the proper time.

20. c.

Arable (adj.) means suitable for cultivation, fit for plowing and farming productively.

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1. The organization _________ to popularize Indian classical music among the youth which has lost _________ with its cultural roots.

(a)endeavors, touch
(b)wishes, interest
(c)efforts, experience
(d) exerts, intrigue
(e) need, relation

2. One of the major critiques of the examination system is that it to a spirit of _________ competition among the students.

(a)results, defective
(b)accompanies, adequate
(c)develops, intense
(d)takes, severe
(e)leads, unhealthy

3. Auroras are natural light displays in the sky, usually _________ at night, _________ in the Polar regions.

(a) watch, upward
(b)noticed, peculiar
(c)observed, only
(d)found, most
(e)follows, mainly

4. After the board examinations, students are _________up for the various entrance examinations _________ for next month .

(a)ready, timed
(b)gearing, scheduled
(c)prepared, programmed
(d)set, duration
(e)geared, kept.

5. The governmental _________ spurred dramatic improvements in the way waste management is _________ out in many hospitals.

(a)rule, thrown
(b)plans, conduct
(c)crusade, done
(d) efforts, carried
(e)venture, disposed

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6. The petitioner had ________ an immediate stay from the court on allotment of the flats till ________ of Investigation into the alleged irregularities.

(a)asked, process
(b)sought, completion
(c)propagated, finish
(d)demanded, course
(e)granted, end

7. Modern music doesn't lend ________ to longevity sometimes it is hard even to remember what the biggest hit from a ________ of years ago was.

(a) itself couple
(b) much, few
(c)money, some
(d)matter, spatter
(e)substance, variety

8. Opportunities________when they are seized and ________ when they are not.

(a)gather, evade
(b)needed, reflect
(c)create, disperse
(d)shout, calm
(e)multiply, die

9. At the sound of the bell we are to pause, relax our body and become gently ________ of our in breath and out breath________ asked, thoughtless

(a)requested, wishful
(b)invited, aware
(c)forced, meaningful
(d)braced, calm

10. ________ to listen to the sounds of nature, we find that we pan afterwards carry , on with whatever we were doing in a more ________ and loving way.

(a)Feeling, helpful
(b)Waiting, rough
(c)Dreaming, dramatic
(d)Pausing, attentive.
(e)Hurting, creative

11. As the boat ________ all those onboard fortunately managed to reach the bank of the river ________ with the help of the life boats.

(a)capsized, drowned

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(b)fell,, harmlessly
(c)dropped, uninjured
(d) deceased, unhurt
(e) sank,, safely

12. Ashima ________ her team with a lot of skill and the ________ Increase In the sales by the team is a measure of her success.

(a)dominates, poor
(b)condemns, sudden
(c)manages, significant
(d)directs, worthless
(e)overpowers, exceptional

13. On being asked for the passport he ________ to his dismay that he had ________ to bring it along with him to the airport.

(a)shocked, failed
(b)realized, forgotten
(c)pleaded, neglected,
(d)understood, lost
(e)recognized, missed

14. Helen quickly ________ the career ladder and is now the ________ managing director, the company has ever appointed.

(a) Jumped, shortest
(b) entered,, oldest
(c)started, Junior most
(d)climbed, youngest
(e)ascended, inexperienced

15. A famous economist says that the government should do more to ________ jobs in the area in order to curb the ________ rate of unemployment.

(a)create, rising
(b)need, increasing
(c)employ, high
(d)invent, growing.,
(e)generate – slowing

16. Centre should ________ministries, whose functions ________ with the state ministries to save money, deliver efficiency and avoid duplication of work.

(a) finish, differ
(b)establish, contradict
(c)constitute, matches

(d)abolish, overlap
(e)block, vary

17. Many people _________ genetically modified food but the reality is that all the food that we eat has been genetically modified naturally by thousands of years of _________

(a)praise, manipulation
(b)grow, mismanagement
(c)criticize, farming
(d)avoid, experience
(e)condemn, abuse

18. Given that only seven percent of the country's labor force the organised sector, training options _________ for the unorganized sectors should also be_________

(a)available, enhanced
(b)absent, improved
(c)lacking, sustained
(d)existing, restricted .
(e)offered, limited

19. Government initiatives and participation of many industrial houses in _________ loans to the villager have led to the _________ of the farmers.

(a)providing, plight
(b)disbursing, betterment
(c)denying, revitalization
(d) subsidizing, suffering,
(e) taking, advancement

20. Indians will _________one fourth of total work force in the next five years but India needs to introspect whether its education system is _________ for these demographic dividends.

(a)become, adequate
(b)consist, incompetent
(c)constitute, unequipped
(d)represent, sound
(e) comprise, prepared

Solutions

1. a 2. e 3. C 4. e 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. e 9. c 10. d
11. e 12. c 13. b 14. d 15. a 16. d 17. C 18. a 19. b 20. e

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1. The _____ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.

a. gangling
b. studious
c. mimetic
d. abject
e. reserved

2. Chaitnya was at first flattered by the _____ of his new colleagues, but he soon realized that their admiration rested chiefly on his connections, not his accomplishments.

a. reprisal
b. adulation
c. bulwark
d. rapport
e. retinue

3. For a(n) _____ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.

a. nominal
b. judgmental
c. existential
d. bountiful
e. jovial

4. Searching frantically to find the hidden jewels, the thieves proceeded to _____ the entire house.

a. justify
b. darken
c. amplify
d. ransack
e. glorify

5. The _____ deer stuck close to its mother when venturing out into the open field.

a. starling
b. foundling
c. yearling
d. begrudging
e. hatchling

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6. The police officer _____ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.

a. undulated
b. enjoined
c. stagnated
d. permeated
e. delineated

7. Jatin's poor typing skills were a _____ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.

a. benefit
b. hindrance
c. partiality
d. temptation
e. canon

8. Through _____, the chef created a creamy sauce by combining brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon in a pan and cooking them over medium-high heat.

a. impasse
b. obscurity
c. decadence
d. diversion
e. liquefaction

9. The defendant claimed that he was innocent and that his confession was _____.

a. coerced
b. flagrant
c. terse
d. benign
e. futile

10. Harsh was discouraged that his visa application was _____ due to his six convictions.

a. lethargic
b. immeasurable
c. nullified
d. segregated
e. aggravated

11. The rebel spies were charged with _____ and put on trial.

a. sedition
b. attrition

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c. interaction
d. reiteration
e. perdition

12. Karan was _____ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.

a. munificent
b. portly
c. amphibious
d. guileful
e. forensic

13. Charu reached the _____ of his career in his early thirties when he became president and CEO of a software company.

a. zephyr
b. plethora
c. vale
d. nocturne
e. zenith

14. Although I'd asked a simple "yes" or "no" question, Irfan's reply was _____, and I didn't know how to interpret it.

a. prodigal
b. irate
c. equivocal
d. voracious
e. harrowing

15. The high-profile company CEO was given an _____ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.

a. expiation
b. honorarium
c. inoculation
d. interpretation
e. inquisition

16. Zakir was doomed to a miserable life, for no matter how much he had, he always _____ the possessions of others.

a. protracted
b. exalted
c. engendered
d. coveted
e. filibustered

17. Sheila's grueling hike included passing through numerous _____.

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a. terrariums
b. neoprene
c. jurisdictions
d. ravines
e. belfries

18. The college professor was known on campus as a _____ character—bland but harmless and noble in his ideals.

a. staid
b. stagnant
c. auspicious
d. sterile
e. dogmatic

19. Because he was so _____, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.

a. belligerent
b. nimble
c. demure
d. volatile
e. speculative

20. The toy store's extensive inventory offered a _____ of toys from baby items to video games for teenagers.

a. manifold
b. lexicon
c. burrow
d. gamut
e. motif

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1. a. Gangling (adj.) means awkward, lanky, or unusually tall and thin.

2. b. Adulation (n.) means strong or excessive admiration or praise; fawning flattery.

3. a. Nominal (adj.) means small, virtually nothing, or much below the actual value of a thing.

4. d. To ransack (v.) means to thoroughly search, to plunder, pillage.

5. c. A yearling (n.) is a young animal past its first year but not yet two years old.

6. b. To enjoin (v.) means to issue an order or command; to direct or impose with authority.

7. b. Hindrance (n.) is an impediment or obstruction; a state of being hindered; a cause of being prevented or impeded.

8. e. Liquefaction (n.) is the process of liquefying a solid or making a liquid.

9. a. To coerce (v.) is to force to do through pressure, threats, or intimidation; to compel.

10. c. To nullify (v.) means to make invalid or nonexistent.

11. a. Sedition (n.) means resistance, insurrection; conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.

12. a. Munificent (adj.) means extremely generous or liberal in giving; lavish.

13. e. Zenith (n.) means the highest point of any path or course.

14. c. Equivocal (adj.) means open to two or more interpretations, ambiguous and often intended to mislead; open to question, uncertain.

15. b. Honorarium (n.) is payment or reward for services for which payment is not usually required.

16. d. To covet (v.) is to wish or long for; to feel immoderate desire for that which belongs to another.

17. d. A ravine (n.) is a deep narrow canyon.

18. a. Staid (adj.) means of a steady and sober character; prudently reserved and colorless.

19. b. Nimble (adj.) is quick and light in movement, to be agile.

20. d. A gamut (n.) is an entire range or a whole series.

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1. What goes into making a marriage can only be________ by trial and error and couples are best left to ________ out what works.

(a)discovered, translate
(b)regulated, find
(c) learnt, figure
(d)seen, thrash
(e)experienced, judge

2. The producer is known to ________ with new stars and fresh talent, and though there have been a few hits and misses, this filmmaker totally ________ for the new breed.

(a)try, demands
(b)experiment, vouches
(c)sign, goes
(d)produce, promises
(e)work, supports

3. The Government stated that it had the ________ right to use as much force as was necessary to regain control of areas________ by terrorists.

(a)free, marked
(b)practical, left
(c)fundamental, infest
(d)basic, undertaken
(e)legitimate, dominated

4. Obesity and alcohol ________ together to ________ the risk of liver disease in both men and women.

(a)act, increase
(b)result, aggravate
(c)taken, arrest
(d)put, heighten
(e)mix, lower

5. There were screams, chills and thrills ________ at the discotheque the other night as the director along with the producers hosted a party to ________ the success of their latest horror flick.

(a)combined, downplay
(b)alike, mourn
(c)experiences, mark
(d)galore, celebrate

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(e)risen, generate

6. Adding to a growing body of research ________ cutting back on sweetened beverages it is now found that drinking. ________ sugary drinks may help lower blood pressure.

(a)for, all
(b)sustaining, increased
(c)against, lesser
(d)behind, more
(e)supporting, fewer

7. The blame game for the air tragedy is at ready in full ________ with the authorities Involved making attempts to ________ for themselves.

(a)sway, defend
(b)view, try
(c)fledged, protect
(d)swing, cover
(e)roll, hide

8. The actress, wearing a dark grey suit and open necked shirt sat ________ the proceedings looking nervous throughout, ________occasionally frowning as her
lawyer with the judge.

(a)through, argued
(b)on, spoke
(c)for, addressed
(d)with, discussed
(e)along, lectured

9. It was an excellent social Evening with people from all ________ of life getting a chance to let their hair ________ .

(a)areas, drop
(b)realms, flow
(c)arena, undone
(d)walks, down
(e)types, loose

10. There can be no denying the fact that in sports, star coaches have the ________ to get something extra out of their ________ .

(a)apprehension, work
(b)ability, teams
(c)fear, member
(d)capability, house
(e)desirous, players

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11. After ________ payrolls and tightening perks to cope with the economic slowdown last year, software companies are finding that a rising number of engineering and management graduates are transferring their ________to vocations such as manufacturing and banking.

(a)trimming loyalties
(b)reducing accounts
(c)hiking services
(d)increased affections
(e)dropped potentials

12. It is very important to ________ that when the swine flu virus enters a human body, it takes a minimum of one day to a maximum of eight days for the disease to develop________

(a)gauge extensively
(b)ascertain further
(c)understand fully
(d)verify remarkably
(e)fathom clearly

13. Scientists, working to, save the earth, have ________ dry water that soaks, carbon three times better than water, and hence helps ________global warming.

(a)aided cut
(b)created combat
(c)built stop
(d)produced increase,
(e)invented monitoring

14. The first round of the, contest had the students________ themselves and ________ about their hobbies.

(a)introducing talking
(b)sensitizing sketching
(c)showcasing planning
(d)acclimatizing mentioning
(e)gearing chalking

15. The varsity poll process for ________ of new candidates has poor response with only ten thousand applications being received till date ________

(a)entrusting seen
(b)registration evoked
(c)entrance made
(d)admission visited

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(e)experimenting generated

16. The actress ________ from a chilled out girl off screen to an intense actor on screen in just a few minutes is ________ amazing.

(a)change, improperly
(b)revolution, just,
(c) transformation, simply
(d)adjustment, really
(e)renovation, truthfully

17. Considering the ________ of the city to chemical and industrial disasters, the State disaster management authority has decided to constitute an expert study group to analyze all possible threats and suggest ________ to make the city disaster resilient.

(a)vulnerability, measures
(b)propensity, sketches
(c)volatility, plans
(d)regularity, preparations
(e)instability, maps

18. Despite the collapse of efforts to legislate a climate bill, the country has ________ international negotiators it remains ________ to reducing carbon emissions over the next ten years.

(a)entrusted, obligated
(b)promised, averse
(c)declared, ignorant
(d)assured, committed
(e)pledged, attentive

19. ________ by other singers and musicians, the singer Bang his heart out and even ________ the young new comers during their act.

(a)Helped, smiled
(b)Accompanied cheered
(c)Created, judged
(d)Stopped, applauded
(e)Assisted, greeted

20. The health officials were told to the medical practitioners about the treatment and immediate medical ________ to be given to swine flu patients.

(a)inform, assistance
(b)enlist, backing
(c)dissuade, aid
(d)apprise, emergency

(e)encourage, help

Solutions

1. c

2. b

3. e

4. e

5. d

6. d

7. d

8. a

9. d

10. b

11. a

12. c

13. b

14. a

15. b

16. c

17. a

18. d

19. b

20. e

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1. With sunscreen and a good book, Anita _____ by the pool in her lounge chair while the children swam.

a. ensconced
b. sustained
c. expelled
d. transcended
e. lolled

2. Navin had a terrible habit of boasting so much about his smallest accomplishments that his _____ became renowned throughout the small college campus.

a. vainglory
b. timidity
c. diffidence
d. tempestuousness
e. mockery

3. Only a small number of people in the audience laughed at the comic's _____ sense of humor, while the rest found him to be too sarcastic.

a. consequential
b. avaricious
c. venturous
d. dauntless
e. mordant

4. He has long been a(n) _____ of year-round school, believing it would significantly improve learning and ease the burden on working parents.

a. advocate
b. levity
c. detractor
d. epiphany
e. connoisseur

5. Tired of hearing the child whine for more candy, the babysitter finally _____ and offered him a piece of chocolate.

a. relented

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b. abated
c. rendered
d. placated
e. enumerated

6. Dogs growl and show their teeth in an attempt to _____ the animal or person they perceive as a threat.

a. bolster
b. waylay
c. cow
d. exacerbate
e. appease

7. In biology class, Sarita observed the slug's _____, its barely discernible movement in the tank.

a. parody
b. prescience
c. torpor
d. insight
e. vigor

8. The _____ instinct of a watchdog is to attack strangers who enter its home.

a. judicious
b. intimate
c. pragmatic
d. melancholy
e. primal

9. The battalion's _____ was a well-fortified structure near the enemy lines.

a. labyrinth
b. summary
c. villa
d. vinculum
e. garrison

10. Much to my surprise, my teenage daughter was _____ to the idea of going out with me on Friday night instead of with her friends.

a. contrite

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b. impartial
c. partisan
d. deferential
e. amenable

11. The enormous waves forced the lobster boat to _____ heavily to the starboard side, causing crates of lobsters to topple and fall into the ocean.

a. trifle
b. degenerate
c. list
d. expedite
e. disseminate

12. Walking through the _____ forest in spring was a welcome escape from the cold, gray winter we had spent in the city.

a. pliant
b. verdant
c. factious
d. bland
e. innocuous

13. Nina called the humane society when she saw her neighbor _____ his dog.

a. mandate
b. forebode
c. maltreat
d. stipulate
e. peruse

14. Meredith used the _____ to steer the horse and keep him in line.

a. jolt
b. bristle
c. chine
d. quirt
e. hearth

15. Omveer was unable to _____ himself from the difficulties he had caused by forging the documents.

a. reprove

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b. pique
c. oust
d. extricate
e. broach

16. The _____ of our expedition was still so far away that I felt we would never get there.

a. nadir
b. terminus
c. speculation
d. apex
e. dungeon

17. If he expected to _____ as a doctor, Lalit knew he would have to study hard in medical school and work long hours to gain experience and skill.

a. perpetrate
b. palliate
c. palpitate
d. prosper
e. mediate

18. Doc Vijayan grew up in Kerala and was not prepared to face the _____ climate of the Sikkim winter.

a. freshwater
b. gelid
c. compendious
d. subsidiary
e. improvident

19. Marvin's _____ prevented him from finishing his work and was evidenced in his large phone bills.

a. loquacity
b. heroism
c. decadence
d. depreciation
e. rescission

20. The graph clearly showed the company reaching the _____ in profits during the 1980s when the economy was in a boom period.

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a. narthex
b. gullet
c. gamut
d. quiescence
e. vertex

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1. e. To loll (v.) is to lean, recline, or act lazily or indolently; lounge.

2. a. Vainglory (n.) means excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.

3. e. Mordant (adj.) means bitingly sarcastic or harshly caustic.

4. a. An advocate (n.) is one who argues for a cause, a supporter or defender; one who pleads on another's behalf.

5. a. To relent (v.) means to yield or comply.

6. c. To cow (v.) is to intimidate, frighten with threats or show of force.

7. c. Torpor (n.) means extreme sluggishness; lethargy or apathy; dullness.

8. e. Primal (adj.) means primary, the first in order or the original; primitive.

9. e. A garrison (n.) is a fort or outpost where troops are stationed; any military post.

10. e. Amenable (adj.) means disposed or willing to comply; responsive, willing; responsible to a higher authority, accountable.

11. c. To list (v.) (related to a vessel) is to incline or to cause to lean to one side.

12. b. Verdant (adj.) means green with vegetation.

13. c. To maltreat (v.) means to treat poorly; abuse.

14. d. A quirt (n.) is a riding whip with a short handle and braided rawhide leash.

15. d. To extricate (v.) is to release from an entanglement or difficulty, disengage.

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16. b. The terminus (n) is the final point or goal; the final stop on a transportation line.

17. d. To prosper (v.) means to be successful.

18. b. Gelid (adj.) means icy or extremely cold; possessing a cold or unfriendly manner.

19. a. Loquacity (n.) is talkativeness; the state of continual talking.

20. e. Vertex (n.) means the highest point of anything; the apex or summit.

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot - 10

1. We can feel morally ________when someone Insults uses long as we do not ________ upon those feelings by burning down houses,

(a)challenged, stand
(b)outraged, act
(c)bound, build
(d)obliged, think
(e)violated, harp

2. Human beings are biological ________ they need to be grounded in time and place or else they come ________.

(a)things, forward
(b)souls, back
(c)organisms, unhinged
(d)features, undone
(e)creatures, again

3. ________ their golden years of love and togetherness, the couple ________ all their guests at their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

(a)Celebrating, welcomed
(b)Remembering, asked
(c)rejoicing, promised
(d)Commemorating, brought
(e)Observing, greeted

4. Since it does not have the ________ to do anything beyond sending out notices the corporation has now decided to take steps to attach movable properties such as cars so that people take the notices more ________ ?

(a)authority, appropriately
(b)influence, justly
(c)guts, sincerely
(d)pressure, gravely
(e)power, seriously

5. A new law has been passed stating that no actor would be allowed to shoot beyond twelve hours in a day and those who ________ this norm would henceforth be ________ for it.

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(a)followed, punished
(b)accompanied, reprimanded
(c)flouted, penalized
(d)defied, applauded
(e)obeyed, disciplined

6. ________ is China the worlds most populous country, with nearly 3 billion people, it is also the worlds fastest growing economy, ________ more than fourfold every year.

(a)Not only expanding
(b)Merely developing
(c)Hardly growing
(d)Surprisingly flourishing
(e)An example evolving

7. Bangalore has________beyond recognition into an IT propelled metropolis from a laidback city that it ________ .

(a)changed is
(b)developed should be
(c)constructed used to be
(d)progressed claims to be
(e)morphed once was

8. While the agricultural revolution ________ the earths surface, the Industrial Revolution is changing the earths ________

(a)changed as well
(b)suffered air
(c)benefited condition
(d)transformed atmosphere
(e)predicted circumstances

9. The findings of a, recent study to ________ the factors which influence successful primary school completion ________ that extreme poverty is responsible for ninety percent of the school dropout cases.

(a)study proves
(b)establish examine
(c)construct show
(d)explore reveal

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(e)reveal object to

10. ________the concept of environ mentally sustainable development ________ a quarter century ago, there is not a single country today which has a strategy to build an economy.

(a)Even though built

(b)Although evolved

(c)Besides took shape

(d)After still

(e)Though created

11. The protests were________ at________ awareness among the elite and the educated.

(a)held, generating

(b)aimed, creating

(c)targeted, awakening

(d)focused, building

(e)concentrated, producing

12. While it is ________ possible to inflation index cash entitlements and food stamps, the ________ nature of food prices would make it a more difficult process than envisaged.

(a)theoretically, volatile

(b)absolutely, stable

(c)hypothetically, slow

(d)not, unpredictable

(e)notionally, established

13. The actress is________ that she has not only acted opposite her childhood hero, but has also ________ out a song and recited a poem onstage with the living legend.

(a)overjoyed, belted

(b)morose, sung

(c)ecstatic, written

(d)tense, prepared

(e)elated, made

14. ________ to popular belief that red meat makes humans ________ , scientists have found that it actually has a calming effect.

(a)Dissimilar, happy
(b)Opposite, intelligent
(c)Contrary, aggressive
(d)Comparable, hostile
(e)Sticking, violent

15. ________ an earlier judgment, the high court has directed the state government to identify natural water resources in the state and ________ all illegal encroachment son them.

(a)Remembering, establish
(b)Citing, remove
(c)Cancelling, build
(d)Quoting, destroying
(e)Furthering, maintain

16. After ________ pursuing it for nearly twenty one months, the city police ________ the case of the triple murder of a professor and his family.

(a)relentless solved
(b)doggedly cracked
(c)constantly handed
(d)persistently found
(e)tirelessly generated

17. Its not Just the ________ reggae and dancehall music that sets their party experience apart, the group has a Disc Jockey who ________ the crowd to dance, interacts with them and also raps to the music.

(a)regular, extols
(b)groovy exhorts
(c)morose compels
(d)upbeat, beats
(e)remarkable makes

18. The injured security guard was first ________ to a small private hospital from where he was shifted to a bigger civil hospital as his , ________ deteriorated.

(a)rushed, Condition
(b)hurried, status
(c)taken, life

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(d)admitted, form
(e)hastened, health

19. The French government has said it will conduct a fourth search for the flight recorders of an Air France Jetliner that ________ , into the Atlantic Ocean while flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris 18 months ________ .

(a)crashed, ago
(b)plunged later
(c)dove before
(d)fell prior
(e)drowned, back

Solutions

1. **b**
2. **e**
3. **a**
4. **e**
5. **c**
6. **a**
7. **e**
8. **d**
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10. **b**
11. **b**
12. **d**
13. **e**
14. **c**
15. **b**
16. **a**
17. **b**
18. **a**
19. **a**

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot - 11

1. Ankit agrees with the _____ that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

a. perpetuity
b. penchant
c. maxim
d. conformation
e. fortitude

2. Victor Frankenstein's creature was a(n) _____, detested by everyone he met.

a. itinerant
b. anathema
c. cosmopolitan
d. mercenary
e. anomaly

3. Jack Nicholson was at the _____ of his career when he received the Oscar for Best Actor.

a. detriment
b. pinnacle
c. oligarchy
d. rogue
e. repose

4. Anita was outstanding as the moderator; she handled the intensely heated debate with great _____, diplomatically and tactfully keeping the conversation fair and on track.

a. finesse
b. pretentiousness
c. prowess
d. succor
e. aversion

5. The class endured a loud and lengthy _____ by the teacher on the subject of submitting written work on time.

a. guile

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b. polemic
c. bravado
d. tirade
e. heresy

6. Lolita's _____ features, what you first noticed about her, were her stunning black hair and large, dark eyes.

a. savvy
b. affluent
c. predominant
d. universal
e. malicious

7. Whenever Tandon and I would argue he would _____ with his hands and body to accentuate his point.

a. interject
b. infuse
c. gesticulate
d. conjure
e. encumber

8. Must we be subjected to your _____ complaints all day long?

a. tiresome
b. fearsome
c. awesome
d. gleesome
e. wholesome

9. The new political candidate refused to print _____ about her aggressive opponent, but that did not stop him from printing lies about her.

a. dispensation
b. assignation
c. rendition
d. libel
e. compunction

10. Awkwardly tall and prone to tripping over her own feet, Grace felt her name was truly a _____.

a. misnomer

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b. preoccupation
c. universality
d. garrulity
e. benevolence

11. Although the villagers' lives were profoundly different from her own, Jing-Mae felt a deep _____ for the people when she served in the Peace Corps.

a. reparation
b. affinity
c. injunction
d. exigency
e. analogy

12. Sometimes late at night Sanjana would gaze joyfully at her children as they slept and _____ in their innocence.

a. sneer
b. ostracize
c. revel
d. repudiate
e. antiquate

13. In the famous balcony scene, Romeo _____ Juliet's beauty in one of the most romantic soliloquies ever written.

a. sanctions
b. extols
c. peruses
d. beguiles
e. fetters

14. It was _____ to think that it could possibly snow in the middle of the desert.

a. advantageous
b. philosophical
c. eroding
d. preventative
e. preposterous

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15. Every evening at the restaurant, the reporter would eavesdrop on the Mayor's conversations in order to _____ any information that could make headlines.

a. ignore
b. glean
c. extol
d. extend
e. narrate

16. The surgeon placed a _____ on the femoral artery to bind it during the long and exhausting surgery.

a. ligature
b. doctrine
c. premise
d. synopsis
e. degeneration

17. By sheer _____ force, the men pushed the truck to the side of the road and out of danger.

a. virile
b. persnickety
c. meticulous
d. suave
e. contentious

18. Based on his recent poor decisions, it was obvious that Seth lacked even a _____ of good sense.

a. debasement
b. diversion
c. disapprobation
d. submission
e. modicum

19. To settle the dispute, the students elected a faculty member to serve as a(n) _____.

a. maverick
b. dystopia
c. arbiter

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d. fiduciary
e. martyr

20. The _____ newspaper accounts of the city scandal caused some readers to question the truth of the stories.

a. lurid
b. vivacious
c. blithesome
d. prolific
e. amicable

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1. c. Maxim (n.) is an established principle or a general truth, often a condensed version of a practical truth.

2. b. An anathema (n.) is one who is detested or shunned; one who is cursed or damned; a curse or vehement denunciation; a formal ban, curse, or excommunication.

3. b. A pinnacle (n.) is the highest level or degree available.

4. a. Finesse (n.) is the subtle, skillful handling of a situation, diplomacy, tact; refined or delicate performance or execution.

5. d. A tirade (n.) is a long and blusterous speech given especially when the speaker is denouncing someone or something.

6. c. Predominant (adj.) means most dominant, common, or frequent; to have surpassing power, influence, or authority.

7. c. To gesticulate (v.) means to use gestures or make motions; express through motion, especially while speaking.

8. a. Tiresome (adj.) means causing to be weary.

9. d. Libel (n.) is defamatory writing; misrepresentative publication (writing, pictures, signs) that damages a person's reputation.

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10. a. Misnomer (n.) is a misnaming of a person or place; a wrong or unsuitable name.

11. b. An affinity (n.) is a natural attraction or liking; a feeling of kinship, connection or closeness, similarity; relationship by marriage.

12. c. To revel (v.) is to take great pleasure or delight.

13. b. To extol (v.) means to praise highly, exalt, glorify.

14. e. Preposterous (adj.) means contrary to common sense or utterly absurd.

15. b. To glean (v.) means to gather or collect slowly; to learn or discover bit by bit.

16. a. A ligature (n.) is something that ties or binds up, such as a bandage, wire, or cord.

17. a. Virile (adj.) means having masculine strength; vigorous or energetic.

18. e. Modicum (n.) is a small or token amount.

19. c. An arbiter (n.) is one selected or appointed to judge or decide a disputed issue, an arbitrator; someone with the power to settle matters at will.

20. a. Lurid (adj.) means glaringly sensational or vivid; shocking.

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1. Behaving in a ________ and serious way, even in a ________ situation makes people respect you.

(a)calm, difficult
(b)steady, angry
(c)flamboyant, tricky
(d)cool, astounding
(e)silly, sound

2. Along with a sharp rise in ________ a recession would eventually result in more men, women and children living in ________ .

(a)crime, apathy
(b)fatalities, poor
(c)deaths, slums
(d)unemployment, poverty
(e)migrations, streets

3. The government has ________ to provide financial aid to the ones ________ by severe floods in the city.

(a)desired, troubled
(b)promised, havoc
(c)failed, affected
(d)wanted, struck
(e)decided,

4. An airplane with ________ passengers on board made an unscheduled ________ as the airport to which it was heading was covered with thick fog.

(a)irritable, slip
(b)faulty, stop
(c)variety, halt
(d)tons, wait
(e)numerous, landing

5. Deemed universities ________ huge fees, but have not been successful in providing ________ education to our students.

(a)collect, maintaining
(b)pay, better

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(c) ask, good
(d)charge, quality
(e)demand, quantitative

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(b)ushered, packed
(c)pushed, full
(d)steered, renovating
(e)escorted, vacant

11. The Sun has constantly been ________ and reappearing and that has got the temperature ________ over the past two days.

(a)vanishing, control
(b)hiding, fluctuating
(c)appearing, soaring
(d)going, unpredictable
(e)disappearing, unusual

12. The teacher called upon the students to ________ interest in science and participate in various orientation programmes in order to their ________ scientific skills.

(a)take, learn
(b)place, further
(c)develop, hone
(d)generate, mix
(e)envision, share

13. The police commissioner may ________ the state government to close five police stations ________ of poor infrastructure and bad location.

(a)order, in the light
(b)request, because
(c)ask, reason
(d)plead, due
(e)command, in lieu

14. Over one lakh aspirants ________ their luck in various examinations ________to the city on Sunday, which turned out to be a peaceful day.

(a)trying, flocked
(b)attempting, gathered
(c)challenging, entered
(d) seeing, ventured
(e)planning, assembled

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15. The singer certainly _________ up to the sky high expectations of his audience by _________ them with career.

(a)lived, wooing
(b)geared, attracting
(c)summed, enticing
(d)met, singing
(e)stood, belting

16. Governments do not want to take a decision and resort to softer align, delay tactics and collusion, hoping that the judiciary will _________ in to relieve them of the _________ of decision-making

(a)come, enlightenment
(b)vouch, trouble
(c)barge, pleasure
(d)step, burden
(e)vote, task

17. The most important factor is the _________ of a wealthy Indian middleclass which can now to send their children abroad for education. _________

(a)emergence, afford
(b)advent, focus
(c)decline, manage
(d) rise, wish
(e) perception, go

18. Crores of public money is _________ on parks in the city and yet most of them are out of _________ for the public.

(a)invested, limits
(b)spent, bounds
(c)bet, reach
(d)put, areas
(e)made, boundaries

19. Rules are for those who cannot _________ them and not for the rich and influential who can _________ to ignore them.

(a)follow, demand
(b)set, opt

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(c)break, suggest
(d)find, ask
(e)challenge, choose

20. Experts cannot ________ enough on the benefits of ________ more fruit and vegetables In your daily diet.

(a)pressure, involving
(b) strain, adding
(c)emphasize, contributing
(d) state, mixing,

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1. **a**
2. **d**
3. **c**
4. **e**
5. **d**
6. **a**
7. **e**
8. **d**
9. **e**
10. **b**
11. **b**
12. **c**
13. **b**
14. **a**
15. **a**
16. **d**
17. **a**
18. **b**
19. **e**
20. **d**

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1. The _____ man with amnesia was unable to recognize where he was.

a. endogenous
b. euphoric
c. nonplussed
d. amicable
e. pliable

2. Jatin's _____ solution to the problem revealed that he did not spend much time considering the consequences.

a. facile
b. obsolete
c. resilient
d. pristine
e. ardent

3. The events of the evening _____ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.

a. expired
b. transpired
c. retired
d. ensured
e. extorted

4. It is every Indian person's _____ to live the life he or she chooses.

a. composite
b. eloquence
c. prerogative
d. allusion
e. demise

5. After the boisterous customers left the café without tipping, Chinmya _____ at them through the restaurant's front window.

a. interjected
b. jostled
c. glowered
d. emulated

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e. skulked

6. People often referred to Nalini as _____ because she trusted everyone.

a. naïve
b. elevated
c. boastful
d. panoramic
e. elated

7. Kapil's re-election is being threatened by a growing _____ of disgruntled union members.

a. rogue
b. faction
c. pariah
d. guise
e. anathema

8. The peasants passed their weary days in much _____ and little comfort.

a. pertinence
b. renown
c. travail
d. exile
e. repose

9. Lalita is a _____ of the clarinet; she has performed solos with many orchestras and bands around the world.

a. neophyte
b. novice
c. virtuoso
d. termagant
e. plethora

10. The children knew that once their father made his decision, the new rule would be _____ because he would never change his mind.

a. irrevocable
b. articulate
c. premeditated
d. serried
e. discourteous

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11. The haunted house displayed _____ scenes in every room, causing squeamish visitors to scream.

a. preparatory
b. archaic
c. macabre
d. precocious
e. impetuous

12. The concert audience was frustrated by the poor _____ of the sounds coming from the speakers.

a. modulation
b. recrimination
c. terminus
d. dissidence
e. assertion

13. Please don't _____ me my success— I've worked hard to earn this promotion!

a. renege
b. begrudge
c. excise
d. staunch
e. vaunt

14. With an _____ blow of the whistle, the meddling parent interrupted the game to reiterate the rules of the tournament.

a. industrious
b. illustrious
c. eloquent
d. officious
e. enviable

15. The candidate's inappropriately racist remark was met with a _____ of denunciations from the angry crowd.

a. bastion
b. fusillade
c. mélange
d. dichotomy

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e. solecism

16. The _____ employee decided to complain publicly about the unacceptable working conditions.

a. discreet
b. prudent
c. precarious
d. malcontent
e. stupendous

17. The medicine man applied a sweet smelling _____ to the young brave's wounds.

a. triad
b. corrosive
c. parcel
d. unguent
e. pungent

18. The judge dismissed the extraneous evidence because it was not _____ to the trial.

a. pertinent
b. pretentious
c. synonymous
d. abject
e. inalienable

19. The _____ nature of the song is supposed to be reminiscent of shepherds calling to their flocks at night.

a. vocative
b. endemic
c. surreptitious
d. preternatural
e. inane

20. The _____ child caused great difficulties for her parents and teachers because she refused to correct her bad behavior even in the face of punishment.

a. adorable
b. sincere

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c. incorrigible
d. lamentable
e. demure

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1. c. Nonplussed (adj.) means greatly perplexed, filled with bewilderment.

2. a. Facile (adj.) means arrived at or achieved with little difficulty or effort, thus lacking depth, superficial; performing or speaking effectively with effortless ease and fluency, adroit, eloquent.

3. b. To transpire (v.) means to come to pass, to occur.

4. c. Prerogative (n.) means an exclusive or special right or privilege.

5. c. To glower (v.) means to stare angrily or sullenly, to look intently with anger or dislike.

6. a. Naïve (adj.) means lacking worldly experience; possessing a childlike innocence or simplicity.

7. b. A faction (n.) is a group or clique within a larger group, usually a minority, acting in unison in opposition to the larger group; internal dissension, conflict within an organization, nation, or other group.

8. c. Travail (n.) means hard or agonizing labor.

9. c. Virtuoso (n.) means a master in the technique of some particular fine art.

10. a. Irrevocable (adj.) means irreversible; not able to be revoked or recalled.

11. c. Macabre (adj.) means ghastly, horrible, or gruesome.

12. a. Modulation (n.) a regulation by or adjustment to a certain measure, such as in music or radio waves.

13. b. To begrudge (v.) means to envy the possession or enjoyment of; to give or allow with reluctance.

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14. d. Officious (adj.) means marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others; unofficial.

15. b. A fusillade (n.) is a barrage; a rapid discharge of firearms, simultaneously or in rapid succession.

16. d. Malcontent (adj.) means dissatisfied, uneasy or discontent; a rebel.

17. d. An unguent (n.) is any soothing or healing ointment or lubricant for local application.

18. a. Pertinent (adj.) means applicable, related to the subject matter at hand.

19. a. Vocative (adj.) means pertaining to the act of calling.

20. c. Incorrigible (adj.) means bad to the point of being beyond correction; uncontrollable; impervious to change.

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1. For the last three months, the dengue ________ has put southern districts on high alert and has been keeping local administrations and the health department on their ________

(a) outbreak, toes
(b)fever, hinges
(c)epidemic, feet
(d)mosquito ground
(e)disease, beds

2. The new age scooter is perfect ________ just as a commute option for women, but is functional enough for men ________ .

(a)vehicle, also
(b) not, too
(c)for, well
(d) neither, nor
(e) either, additionally

3. The police ________ a gang ________in duping telebanking customers and arrested 10 persons.

(a) told, mastering
(b) busted, specializing
(c) seized, innovating
(d)caught, dealing
(e)arrested, setting

4. The arrested persons were ________ in court and in ________ Judicial custody.

(a)demanded, persuaded
(b)questioned, sentenced
(c)taken, left
(d)produced, remanded
(e)sent, kept

5. AH the school students ________ the vicinity will be taken to the nearby theatres ________the festival.

(a)in, during

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(b) on, for
(c)at, in
(d) among, at
(e) around, on

6. A plethora of cultural talent ________ the spectators busy at a talent programme where students from various colleges get together to ________ their mettle in various contests.

(a) tried, show
(b) kept, prove
(c)caught, puzzle
(d)held, learn
(e)helped, mention

7. The ________ of Chinese plastic thread should be banned as it ________ thousands of birds every year during the kite flying season.

(a)sale, cripples
(b)sell, kills
(c)sale, disturbs
(d)sell, disables
(e)sale, saves

8. Harish ________ with me some basic techniques that one can ________ at home without even owning a drum set.

(a)made, shred
(b)imparted, try
(c)learned, balance
(d)fits, rehearses
(e)shared, practice

9. In the present case, the facts clearly ________ that the required reasonable degree of care and caution was not ________ by hospital in the treatment of the patient.

(a)reflect, compressed
(b)fix, advancement
(c)show, proceeded
(d)observe, considered
(e)indicate, taken

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10. Students from the Middle East and the African countries have ________ been ________ contributors to the pool of foreign students in the university.

(a)traditionally, major
(b)conservatively, crucial
(c)surprisingly, most
(d)intuitively, salient
(e)annually, lucid

11. The minister ________ about various ________ being provided by officials for the pilgrims including direction wise colour coded passenger enclosures.

(a)ceased, functions
(b)enquired, facilities
(c)relied, opportunities
(d)shy, evidence
(e)asked, deity

12. It is ________ to drive in the evening and night when the ________ of accidents looms large due to nonfunctional streetlights.

(a)juvenile, planning
(b)easy, risk
(c)instinctive, fame
(d)difficult, threat
(e)natural, feature

13. An overcast sky made Sunday less than ________ for city residents, who going by weather experts have more in ________ .

(a)difficult, fate
(b)perfect, store
(c)holiday, sky
(d)dream, sharing
(e)steady, frame

14. Many teachers ________ the lack of professional freedom as the ________ for leaving the job.

(a)cited, reason
(b)explained, force
(c)claimed, understanding

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(d)argued, culprit
(e)believe, ground

15. Skeptics would not ________ that the earth actually moves, let alone that it ________ around the sun.

(a)permit, orbits
(b)accept, revolves
(c)experience, circles
(d)assume, went
(e)challenge, spins

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Solutions

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2. **b**
3. **b**
4. **d**
5. **a**
6. **c**
7. **a**
8. **e**
9. **e**
10. **a**
11. **b**
12. **d**
13. **b**
14. **a**
15. **b**
16. **a**
17. **e**
18. **d**
19. **e**
20. **b**

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot - 15

1. The internist decided to treat the _____ with medication, but also recommended rest and proper nutrition.

a. malady
b. nonentity
c. missive
d. repository
e. nonchalance

2. It was such a beautiful day that I decided to go for a _____ on my bike down to the local park.

a. expedition
b. jaunt
c. pilgrimage
d. repast
e. intimation

3. The castaway's hut was _____ by the natives curious to see who the intruder was upon their island.

a. beset
b. surmised
c. precluded
d. garnered
e. lauded

4. Sometimes my grandmother would _____ all different types of thread so she could include more colors in the clothes she sewed.

a. daunt
b. raddle
c. scrabble
d. thrush
e. empower

5. The defense attorney's choice of words _____ that there were other possible versions of the crime, but the jury was unconvinced.

a. pervaded
b. insinuated

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c. discounted
d. imposed
e. ensconced

6. Tarun's enthusiasm for becoming a professional drum player _____ when he realized he would have to practice several hours a day.

a. waxed
b. waned
c. deranged
d. flouted
e. preempted

7. Some would say Muzak is a(n) _____ form of music, a kind of background noise designed to be heard but not listened to.

a. arable
b. degenerate
c. volatile
d. pivotal
e. exemplary

8. The teacher was dismissed for the _____ act of helping his students cheat on the exam.

a. steadfast
b. meritorious
c. unconscionable
d. pristine
e. fortuitous

9. The reformed criminal could not forget his guilty past; he was in a living state of _____.

a. perdition
b. tact
c. composure
d. principle
e. veracity

10. The _____ yoga instructor waited patiently for her students to find the proper pose, which she performed with ease.

a. unabashed

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b. lissome
c. cosmopolitan
d. sneering
e. disparaging

11. When we first meet Romeo, he is _____ over his unrequited love for Rosaline.

a. brooding
b. ogling
c. meandering
d. embellishing
e. groveling

12. Because it had been worn and washed so often, Leela's favorite t- shirt was tattered and _____ with holes.

a. salvaged
b. circulated
c. riddled
d. emulated
e. congregated

13. Heera's _____ remarks about my presentation did not bother me because I knew I'd done a good job.

a. derogatory
b. voracious
c. tactile
d. capricious
e. amiable

14. Eels swim using a rapid _____ motion that propels them through the water.

a. dissipating
b. undulating
c. eradicating
d. objurgating
e. irritating

15. Sick and tired of her boring job, Madhuri began to ____ what it would be like to quit.

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a. ponder
b. disengage
c. negate
d. relinquish
e. alleviate

16. The way my father likes to _____with any salesperson to see if he can bargain for a lower price is embarrassing.

a. striate
b. variegate
c. capitulate
d. teem
e. wrangle

17. The _____construction crew built large new buildings all over the East Coast, wherever the demand for qualified workers took them.

a. laconic
b. irresolute
c. itinerant
d. parietal
e. peremptory

18. The CEO's large expense accounts proved she was a _____ spender with the company's money.

a. injurious
b. ineffectual
c. liberal
d. malignant
e. insolvent

19. Dinesh found the unchanging rhythm of the musical piece to be annoyingly _____.

a. recusant
b. monotonous
c. irreverent
d. coherent
e. redolent

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20. The young, thin boy surprised his wrestling opponent with his _____ strength.

a. fraudulent
b. wiry
c. frolicsome
d. pretentious
e. endemic

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1. a. Malady (n.) is a disease or disorder.

2. b. A jaunt (n.) is usually a short journey taken for pleasure.

3. a. To beset (v.) means to surround on all sides; to annoy or harass persistently; to decorate with jewels.

4. b. To raddle (v.) means to twist together, to intertwine.

5. b. To insinuate (v.) is to hint or suggest; to intimate.

6. b. To wane (v.) means to diminish in intensity or size.

7. b. Degenerate (adj.) means having declined in quality or value, reduced from a former or original state, to degrade.

8. c. Unconscionable (adj.) means not restrained by conscience; unscrupulous.

9. a. Perdition (n.) the most modern use of the word means eternal damnation, or a hell.

10. b. Lissome (adj.) means lithe or lithesome, usually related to the body; moving or bending easily or limber.

11. a. To brood (v.) is to be in deep thought, to think moodily or anxiously about something; to cover over, as with wings, in order to protect; to hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing, to

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loom; to be silent or sullen, sulk; to sit on or hatch eggs.

12. c. To riddle (v.) means to pierce with many holes.

13. a. Derogatory (adj.) means tending to lessen in value, to detract or diminish; disparaging, belittling, injurious.

14. b. Undulating (adj.) means characterized by a wavelike motion.

15. a. To ponder (v.) is to weigh carefully in the mind.

16. e. To wrangle (v.) means to bicker, dispute, create a noisy argument.

17. c. Itinerant (adj.) means traveling from one place to another, usually on a planned course; working in one place for a short while before moving onto another place to work; wandering.

18. c. Liberal (adj.) means characterized by generosity or a willingness to give freely in large amounts; untraditional or broadminded in beliefs.

19. b. Monotonous (adj.) means tediously lacking in variety; unvarying; repetitious.

20. b. Wiry (adj.) means thin, but tough and sinewy.

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1. The new actress's talents were severely _____ by the local critics; she went on to be a distinguished member of a wellrespected acting company.

a. underrated
b. berated
c. placated
d. dissuaded
e. interred

2. To hide his insecurity, Bhima often acted like a _____ so that he could make people laugh.

a. buffoon
b. martyr
c. neophyte
d. plebian
e. wraith

3. When Aniket's grandmother began to complain about the excruciating pain in her knees and legs, she was referred to an _____ specialist for a diagnosis.

a. optical
b. oral
c. archeological
d. osteopathic
e. psychological

4. Chandra's _____ behavior made it clear that he had been highly educated in matters of etiquette.

a. decorous
b. surreptitious
c. erratic
d. caustic
e. irksome

5. Staring at the _____ crystal blue water of the sea, Anita thought she had never seen anything so beautiful.

a. flamboyant

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b. appalling
c. devious
d. pristine
e. fiery

6. Wearing the designer's latest fashions, the _____ clothing model sashayed down the runway.

a. jaunty
b. tranquil
c. fanatical
d. recessive
e. contemplative

7. Given his _____ nature, it was appropriate that he decided to be a trial lawyer after law school.

a. lackluster
b. engrossed
c. penitent
d. litigious
e. obsolete

8. After her relationship ended, Patty, feeling _____, insisted on playing sad love songs repeatedly.

a. infallible
b. plausible
c. formative
d. mawkish
e. persuasive

9. Sanju went abroad as a _____ young man; when he returned two years later, he seemed like an experienced man of the world.

a. sardonic
b. egalitarian
c. reticent
d. callow
e. loquacious

10. Normally distinguished and reserved, Ravi would act _____ when he joined his friends to cheer for their old high school team at annual

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the homecoming game.

a. indignant

b. oafish

c. poignant

d. reputable

e. obdurate

11. The protesters were concerned that the proposed legislation would have a(n) _____ effect on the state's nature preserves.

a. scintillating

b. deleterious

c. insipid

d. punctilious

e. parsimonious

12. Not swayed by his student's _____ flattery, the professor told him that his grade would not be changed.

a. forlorn

b. striated

c. undulating

d. unctuous

e. frowsy

13. Tina found Ishan's public declarations of his love for her _____ and embarrassing.

a. necrotic

b. intriguing

c. witless

d. malodorous

e. pliant

14. The young kitten had a _____ look on its face when it noticed the menacing dog entering the yard.

a. servile

b. diligent

c. scornful

d. pavid

e. optimistic

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15. According to pirate lore, a terrible _____ would follow whoever opened the treasure chest.

a. precursor
b. precession
c. rendition
d. insurgence
e. malediction

16. A(n) _____ spirit only causes more stress and strife; it is better to forgive and forget.

a. apathetic
b. restorative
c. flaccid
d. vindictive
e. fortuitous

17. When we were renovating the old house, we found a(n) _____ of $10 and $20 bills hidden inside the old laundry chute.

a. odyssey
b. matrix
c. lament
d. fodder
e. cache

18. Even though the pilot promised it was safe, Neil was _____ to fly during a snowstorm.

a. habitual
b. overzealous
c. pavid
d. reluctant
e. salacious

19. Ron has few friends because he is _____ and cares only about himself.

a. mundane
b. intrepid
c. garrulous
d. voracious
e. egocentric

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20. The workers attempted to _____ the supervisor's authority by negotiating terms with the clients themselves.

a. contradict
b. instigate
c. resonate
d. placate
e. undermine

Solutions

1. a. Underrated (adj.) means undervalued.

2. a. A buffoon (n.) is a ludicrous or bumbling person, a fool; someone given to clowning and amusing others through ridiculous behavior; a clown or jester.

3. d. Osteopathic (adj.) means a system of medicine pertaining to the bone and skeletal system.

4. a. Decorous (adj.) means characterized by good taste in manners and conduct, exhibiting propriety or decorum, proper.

5. d. Pristine (adj.) means pure, fresh and clean, as if new; original or primitive.

6. a. Jaunty (adj.) means sprightly in manner; stylish or smart in dress.

7. d. Litigious (adj.) means inclined to disagree or dispute, especially in lawsuits; argumentative.

8. d. Mawkish (adj.) means characterized by excessive sentimentality; overly emotional.

9. d. Callow (adj.) means lacking maturity or experience; immature, naïve.

10. b. Oafish (adj.) means acting stupid, goofy, or clumsy.

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11. b. Deleterious (adj.) means having a harmful or adverse effect; destructive, hurtful, noxious.

12. d. Unctuous (adj.) means characterized by insincere earnestness; oily or fatty in appearance.

13. c. Witless (adj.) means foolish, indiscreet, or silly.

14. d. Pavid (adj.) means timid or fearful.

15. e. Malediction (n.) is a curse or a proclaiming of a curse against someone; an imprecation.

16. d. Vindictive (adj.) means revengeful, hateful.

17. e. A cache (n.) is a hiding place for storing or concealing provisions or valuables; a secret store of valuables or money, a stash.

18. d. Reluctant (adj.) means unwilling to do what one is being called to do.

19. e. Egocentric (adj.) means caring only about or interested only in oneself or one's needs.

20. e. To undermine (v.) means to subvert in an underhanded way.

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1. Vision is usually _________ most effectively when many different _________ are used.

(a)developed, manifestations
(b)adapted, organizations
(c)communicated vehicles
(d)exhibited, forms
(e)described, thought

2. People who have been through difficult, painful and not very _________ change efforts often end up _________ both pessimistic and angry conclusions.

(a)successful, drawing
(b)meaningful, projecting
(c)reliable, evolving
(d)strong, following
(e)challenging, lamenting.

3. The human mind is never _________it advances or it _________

(a)absolute, diminishes
(b)dynamic, stops
(c)perfect, disintegrates
(d)stationary, retrogrades
(e)happy, decomposes

4. If misery is the, effect of ill fortune, It ought to be pitied if of _________ to be _________

(a)virtue, criticised
(b)calamity, reverenced
(c)virtue, protected
(d)vice, reverenced
(e)virtue, reverenced

5. It would be impossible for us to continue living in this world if each of us _________ exactly, what fate had in _________ for him.

(a)follow, plan
(b)appreciate, strategy

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(c)design, anticipation
(d)visualize, hidden
(e)knew, store

6. It is the ________ , of selfishness for men, who fully ________ in their own case the great advantages of good education, to deny these advantages to women.

(a) parody demand
(b)height, appreciate
(c)height, assimilate
(d)degree, appreciate
(e)level, advance

7. The learner should be ________ to take a small first step one that will provide immediate Success and ________ the learning.

(a)encouraged, reinforce
(b)forced, organize
(c) directed, recognize
(d)cautioned, reinforce
(e)encouraged, acknowledge

8. His death ________ many tributes than have been paid at the ________ of any other human being in history.

(a)brought, passing
(b)directed, helm
(c)delivered, description
(d)invited, living
(e)acknowledged, perpetuation

9. Only with executive ________ can the organization concentrate its energies on ________ competitive advantage over time.

(a)position, embarking
(b)deployment directing
(c)contingent, fabricating
(d)commitment, sustaining
(e)satisfaction molding

10. All the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are ________ of the restless , ________ of perseverance.

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(a)manifestations, pronouncement
(b)projections component
(c)instances, force
(d)proofs, humanity
(e)visions, future

11. He objected to the proposal because it was founded on a ________ principle and also was __________ at time.

(a) faulty, desirable
(b)Imperative, reasonable
(c)wrong, Inconvenient,
(d) sound, acceptable
(e)uncomforting,deplorable

12. The criterion for ________ a player should be his recent performance but unfortunately, the journalists are ________ to be carried away by earlier successes.

(a)condemning, satisfying
(b)judging prone
(c) revealing reluctant
(d)eager,acclaims
(e)criticising, clean

13. For the last half century he ________ himself to public affairs ________ taking a holiday.

(a)by, committed
(b) after, offered
(c)devoted, without
(d)scarified, after
(e)prepared, before

14. You will see signs of ________ everywhere, which speak well for the ________ of these people.

(a)decoration senses
(b)clear debris
(c)beauty careful
(d)industry prosperity
(e)repairs extravaganza

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15. The police arrested Ramesh on a ________ of theft but for lack of evidence ________ him.

(a)crime, imprisoned

(b)punished, complaint

(c)left,condition

(d)tip, absconding

(e)charge, released

16. This book is readable, clear and ________ researched with ________ detailed references.

(a)fabulously, intricate

(b)meticulously, extensive

(c)leisurely, complete

(d)hardly, notional

(e)closely, scattered

17. The interest has innovation related to several sectors of ________ pharmaceutical business and industry.

(a)fabulously, intricate

(b) insured, fateful

(c)affected, plummeting

(d)restricted, grown

(e)accelerated, burgeoning

18. The Indian hospitality industry which has been ________ a prolonged slump is now entering a new ________ phase ready to enhance profitability.

(a)witnessing, ambitious

(b)observing, listless

(c)demonstrating, efficient

(d)recovering, debt

(e)succumbing, lea name

19. The new policy seeks to________ a process of widespread participation of people ________ the way for more effective implementation.

(a)amend, opening

(b)halt, propelling

(c)generate, paving

(d)diagnose, resulting

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(e)Identify, dithering

20. Journalism is a ________for truth, a crusade to ________ injustice and wrong doing.

(a)product, limit
(b)boon, justify
(c)travesty, attack
(d) quest, expose,
(e) search, optimize

Solutions

1. d
2. a
3. d
4. e
5. a
6. b
7. a
8. a
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10. d
11. c
12. b
13. c
14. d
15. e
16. b
17. e
18. a
19. c
20. d

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot - 19

1. The student failed his research paper because he chose to _____ material from a another author's work.

a. authorize
b. stimulate
c. overrule
d. plagiarize
e. meditate

2. The _____ old cowboy had a complexion that spoke of many years in the desert sun, rounding up wild horses.

a. secular
b. suave
c. turgid
d. wizened
e. truant

3. The swimmer's back injury _____ his prospects for a gold medal at the world championship competition.

a. compelled
b. advanced
c. jeopardized
d. maintained
e. expounded

4. As Rahul strolled through his old neighborhood, he noticed sounds and smells that were _____ of his childhood.

a. belligerent
b. malleable
c. reminiscent
d. recondite
e. incessant

5. Lalita had to learn the _____ of the insurance profession before she felt comfortable describing products to her clients.

a. lexicon
b. classicism
c. juncture
d. cessation
e. asperity

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6. Mariya had to pay off her _____ to the credit card company before she could get a mortgage.

a. stipend
b. liability
c. remuneration
d. concession
e. consolidation

7. The local high school issued a _____ on field trips until the bus was repaired; then traveling could begin again.

a. indispensability
b. divergence
c. moratorium
d. subjection
e. compulsion

8. With Jaya's _____ nature and passion for art, she would make an excellent tour guide for the museum.

a. volatile
b. congenial
c. servile
d. fledgling
e. trite

9. Pariniti was a(n) _____ girl when she was teenager—long-limbed and constantly tripping over her own feet.

a. blithe
b. resolute
c. ungainly
d. preternatural
e. conducive

10. The employee's claim of being out with the flu did not seem very _____ because he returned from sick leave with a deep tan.

a. inattentive
b. inarticulate
c. tactful
d. plausible
e. vulnerable

11. The con man used his _____ to convince the elderly woman to sign over her life savings to him.

a. estuary
b. melee

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c. flagrancy
d. malleability
e. wile

12. Manish proved to be _____ throw after throw, hitting the carnival dart game's bull's eye every time.

a. sedentary
b. temporal
c. mediocre
d. infallible
e. infeasible

13. Panini, who was always joking, added _____ to the formal dinner, which his sedate employer did not appreciate.

a. contemplation
b. ordinance
c. tutelage
d. levity
e. sincerity

14. Sunlight shining through a window was an obvious _____ in the nearly every one of the artist's works.

a. disjunction
b. hindrance
c. repugnance
d. motif
e. variance

15. I like listening to Vikash go on about politics and social issues; his opinions are _____ with my own beliefs.

a. latent
b. explicit
c. consonant
d. ensconced
e. rife

16. Most people will find the film silly and childish in its humor; the most _____ viewers will find it downright crass and offensive.

a. servile
b. petulant
c. fastidious
d. arcane
e. boisterous

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17. Even though he wanted to win the game, the coach felt that he would be _____ if he let the injured quarterback continue to play.

a. contentious
b. remiss
c. erudite
d. stringent
e. reputable

18. The goal of any company is to have its product name become _____ — constantly at the forefront of the consumer's mind.

a. garrulous
b. unctuous
c. tremulous
d. ubiquitous
e. portentous

19. During the holiday season, the _____ theme is "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward All."

a. mitigated
b. arrogant
c. controversial
d. prevalent
e. prestigious

20. Our cottage by the sea offers many days of relaxation with warm sunshine and soothing _____.

a. zephyrs
b. dervishes
c. stanchions
d. ebbs
e. torques

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1. d. To plagiarize (v.) is to steal thoughts or words in literary composition.

2. d. Wizened (adj.) means withered or dry, especially with age.

3. c. Jeopardize (v.) means to put in jeopardy or at risk; a hazard or danger.

4. c. Reminiscent (adj.) means calling to mind or remembering.

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5. a. Lexicon (n.) is the vocabulary used in a language, profession, class, or subject.

6. b. Liability (n.) is a debt or obligation; something for which one is liable.

7. c. Moratorium (n.) is a temporary suspension or postponement of a planned activity.

8. b. Congenial (adj.) means having a friendly or pleasant disposition, sociable; having similar tastes, habits, or temperament; suitable to one's needs or nature.

9. c. Ungainly (adj.) means clumsy or awkward.

10. d. Plausible (adj.) means apparently worthy of belief or praise.

11. e. Wile (n.) means an act or a means of cunning deception.

12. d. Infallible (adj.) means not fallible; completely trustworthy; certain.

13. d. Levity (n.) is an inappropriate lack of seriousness or lightness of manner; frivolity.

14. d. Motif (n.) is a recurrent theme or form in an artistic or literary work.

15. c. Consonant (adj.) means in agreement or accord, harmonious; having similar sounds.

16. c. Fastidious (adj.) means paying careful attention to detail, meticulous; difficult to please, exacting; extremely sensitive, squeamish, especially in regard to matters of cleanliness or propriety.

17. b. Remiss (adj.) means careless in performing duties.

18. d. Ubiquitous (adj.) means being present everywhere.

19. d. Prevalent (adj.) means widespread or widely accepted; predominant or extensive.

20. a. A zephyr is a soft, gentle breeze; a breeze that blows from the west.

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1. When interpersonal problems________but are not dealt with, the organizations productivity in evitable ________ .

(a)surface, develops

(b) focus, increases

(c)establish, projects

(d)develop, exhibits

(e)exist, diminishes

2. Participative, management, in which everyone has ________ into a decision that a leader then makes, is a mechanism for ________ employees.

(a)share, protecting

(b)value, thwarting

(c) motivation,. involving .

(d) reward,. stimulating

(e)input – empowering

3. _________teamwork but our ability to work with others depends on our ________.

(a)rigidity, compatibility

(b)dogmatism, motivation

(c)professionalism, vulnerability

(d)positivism, flexibility

(e)consideration, acumen

4. Complete the constant openness is a notion that can be ________ to absurdity. Am I ________ to stop everyone on the street and tell them my reaction to their appearance ?

(a)consigned, communicated

(b)reduced, required

(c)attributed, requested

(d)projected, destined

(e)subjected, confined

5. When organizations ________creativity and risk taking, the Usual method of maintaining order and ________ are indeed shaken.

(a)encourage, decorum

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(b)exhibit,durability
(c)propose, humility
(d)enhance, supply
(e)propagate, production

6. When I am an autocrat am _________ in the extreme. My direct method is to _________ power and control.

(a)perfectionist,. explore
(b)autocratic,. engulf
(c)dominating, seek
(d)possessive, reject
(e)elaborate, develop

7. The fear _________ with feeling incompetent is the fear of being humilitated, embarrassed and _________ .

(a)endowed, criticized
(b)afflicted, downtrodden.
(c) consistent, damaged
(d) associated, vulnerable
(e) imbued, exposed

8. Gopal was frustrated with Sundar who would not _________ himself to a deadline. Sundar claimed he was working well without a deadline, but Gopal _________ and, finally prevailed.

(a)encourage,enforced
(b)inculcate,. ordered
(c)cooperate, stipulated
(d) commit, persisted
(e)criticising, clean

9. _________ am not easily by pressure that would interfere with accomplishing the goals of my unit. I stick with my _________

(a)pessimistic, views
(b)swayed, convictions
(c)discouraged, achievements
(d)empowered, organization
(e)demurred, projections

10. Coercion sometimes leads to the _________ of short term goals, but its drawbacks for _________ its advantages.

(a)realisation,. damage
(b)appreciation, percolate
(c)accomplishment,. outweigh
(d)achievement,. crumble
(e) destination, magnify

11. Public announcements of _________by the Government is considered as _________ of code of conduct during the preelection period.

(a) freebies, appeasement
(b)favours, violation
(c)policies, honour
(d)prqvisions, imposition
(e)manifests, breaches

12. Germany had been a nation _________ in one country of numerous states which had a common language and _________

(a)assembled,dialect
(b)assimilated, script
(c)embedded, civilisation
(d)united, traditions
(e)formed, code

13. Though the country has _________free medical service for the poor, it is _________

(a)stopped, unaffordable
(b) rendered, essential
(c)maintained, admirable
(d)favored, appreciable
(e)instituted, inadequate

14. If criminals are _________ to join electoral fray _________ is likely to increase.

(a)compelled, brotherhood
(b)encouraged, harmony
(c)allowed, extortion
(d)deterred, corruption

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(e) invited, voting

15. The recently ________ Olympic Games experienced some unhealthy practices ________ to by few athletes.

(a)concluded, resorted

(b)finished, preferred

(c)held, exhibited

(d)over, adhered

(e)closed, devoured

16. He objected to the proposal because it was founded on a ________ principle and also was ________ at time.

(a)faulty desirable

(b)imperative, reasonable

(c)wrong,inconvenient

(d) sound, acceptable

(e)uncomforting, deplorable

17. The criterion for ________ a player should be his recent performance but unfortunately, the journalists are ________ to be carried away by earlier successes.

(a)condemning satisfying

(b)judging, .prone

(c) revealing, reluctant

(d) eager, acclaiming

(e)criticising, clean

18. For the last half century he ________ himself to public affairs , ________ taking a holiday.

(a)by committed

(b) after, offered

(c)devoted, without

(d)scarified, after

(e)prepared, before

19. You will see signs of ________ everywhere, which speak well for the ________ of these people.

(a)decoration senses

(b)clear debris

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(c)beauty careful
(d)industry prosperity
(e)repairs extravaganza

20. The police arrested Ramesh on a ________ of theft but for lack of evidence ________ him.

(a) crime, imprisoned
(b)punished, complaint
(c)left, condition
(d)tip, absconding
(e) charge, released

Solutions

1. e
2. c
3. a
4. c
5. d
6. b
7. c
8. d
9. a
10. d

11. b
12. d
13. e
14. c
15. a
16. c
17. b
18. c
19. d
20. e

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1. When Monika arrived in the impoverished city, she was immediately _____ by bands of children begging for food.

a. bedraggled
b. accosted
c. infiltrated
d. rebuked
e. exacerbated

2. According to the terms of the agreement, if Neelema defaulted on her loan, she would have to _____ her house and car, both which would become property of the bank.

a. usurp
b. evince
c. debut
d. forfeit
e. stigmatize

3. Tony was tired of roommate's petty _____ about his personal life, so he moved out.

a. appeasements
b. quips
c. quotas
d. rallies
e. iniquities

4. The food at the buffet table was a _____ array of delights that even the most disciplined dieter would find difficult to resist.

a. tempestuous
b. tantamount
c. truculent
d. temporal
e. tantalizing

5. After fighting the five-alarm fire, the _____ firefighter could not relax enough to unwind and get some rest.

a. amicable

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b. treacherous
c. pliable
d. durable
e. overwrought

6. For years Hari bore the _____ of being the only man in five generations of his family not to make the varsity baseball team.

a. stigma
b. brunt
c. treatise
d. scintillation
e. punctiliousness

7. Tej Pratap found an overpriced dining table at the antique shop and tried to _____ with the shopkeeper, but he refused to lower the price.

a. haggle
b. stipulate
c. annunciate
d. ruminate
e. confer

8. The firefighter was _____ in the news for his heroic rescue of a child from a burning house.

a. mandated
b. inferred
c. reconstituted
d. augmented
e. lauded

9. Although she was on a diet, Harsha intended to _____ in the feast of Thanksgiving.

a. dilate
b. enervate
c. expunge
d. nullify
e. partake

10. The villagers locked their doors when they heard about the pirates who were _____ unprotected villages along the island's coastline.

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a. reforming
b. marauding
c. reclaiming
d. conceding
e. recapitulating

11. I could tell by Ankita's _____ tone that she was still very angry with me.

a. ingratiating
b.adjacent
c. oblique
d.acerbic
e.eloquent

12. After years of living at a(n) _____ pace, Pavan decided it was time to slow down and learn how to relax.

a. frenetic
b.pedestrian
c. pretentious
d.colloquial
e.insipid

13. The hospital had an outbreak of chicken pox and was forced to _____ all patients and staff to prevent more infected victims.

a. clandestine
b.saturate
c. germinate
d.quarantine
e.aggregate

14. Living on several acres of land dotted with oak and maple trees makes autumn leaf-raking a _____ task.

a. fatuous
b.toilsome
c. tardy
d.obsequious
e.fawning

15. Acting in the high school play served to _____ Anand's appetite for professional acting.

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a. satiate
b.whet
c. purport
d.incriminate
e.corral

16. It would take many hours of cleaning and repairing for the young family to transform the _____ into a clean and comfortable little cottage.

a. territory
b.manor
c. hovel
d.demesne
e.hacienda

17. Ms. Leela allowed her son a great deal of _____ in spending his birthday money, because she believed it should be his decision.

a. injunction
b.assimilation
c. latitude
d.declamation
e.stimulus

18. It was once believed that alchemists could _____ common metals to gold.

a. transmute
b.commute
c. execute
d.repute
e.denote

19. The close-up of the actor drinking the popular brand of cola in the movie was a _____ display of commercialism.

a. dispassionate
b.languid
c. apathetic
d.gratuitous
e.unpunctual

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20. Janak was _____ after his alibi proved that he could not have committed the crime.

a. acquitted
b.protracted
c. derided
d.denounced
e.acquainted

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1. b. To accost (v.) means to approach and speak to someone, usually in a bold and aggressive manner as with a demand.

2. d. To forfeit (v.) means to be deprived of or lose the right to by the act of a crime, offense, fault, breach, or error.

3. b. A quip (n.) is a sarcastic or cutting jest; a witty remark.

4. e. Tantalizing (adj.) means tempting, attractive, often via the senses.

5. e. Overwrought (adj.) means labored to excess; anxious, agitated.

6. a. Stigma means a mark of infamy or token of disgrace.

7. a. To haggle (v.) means to bargain, such as over a price, or dispute in a petty way; to wrangle.

8. e. To laud (v.) is to praise, honor, or glorify.

9. e. To partake (v.) is to have a share or take part.

10. b. To maraud (v.) is to rove and raid in quest of plunder.

11. d. Acerbic (adj.) means sour or bitter in taste; sharp or biting in tone, character, or expression.

12. a. Frenetic (adj.) means wildly excited or agitated, frenzied, frantic.

13. d. To quarantine (v.) means to restrict the entrance to and exit from any place under observation for infectious disease.

14. b. Toilsome (adj.) means laborious or hard work.

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15. b. To whet (v.) means to make more keen or eager.

16. c. A hovel (n.) is a small crude house; a filthy or disorganized hut or shed.

17. c. Latitude (n.) is freedom from normal limitations or restraints in conduct; an angular distance from a plane of reference.

18. a. To transmute (v.) means to change in nature, substance, or form.

19. d. Gratuitous (adj.) means unjustified or unnecessary; of no cost.

20. a. To acquit (v.) means to free or clear from an accusation or charge; to release or discharge from a duty, obligation, or debt; to behave oneself in a certain manner.

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1. Of all the problems that have ________ human beings since the beginning of recorded history, perhaps the most significant has-been the ________of their own nature.

(a)encountered, importance
(b)perplexed, value
(c) questioned, scope
(d) confronted, riddle
(e)directed, issue

2. Self-concept and self-esteem are crucial to personal and professional effectiveness because if they are not fully ________ I may act in mystifying and sometimes ________ways.

(a)positive, destructive
(b)developed, proactive
(c)nurtured, reactive
(d)nourished,listless
(e)devised, vulnerable

3. A key factor in ________ ineffective and fulfilling life in our complex society is the ability to ________control over our actions.

(a)achieving, exert
(b)obtaining, energize
(c)projecting, restrain
(d)providing, admonish
(e)expressing., withhold

4. A theory is ________ evaluated to the degree that its concepts ________ to themselves a verification by Independent investigators.

(a) critically, pertain
(b) positively, lend
(c)obviously, yield
(d)alarmingly, introduce
(e)delightfully, submit

5. It is often the ________ that everyone agrees about objectives the disagreement ________ about exactly how they are to be achieved.

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(a) view,follows
(b)situation, talks
(c)matter, projects
(d)happening, matters
(e) case, arises

6. A controversial plan to build an immense dam in Brazils rainforest was stalled when it _________ a formidable bloc of _________ in ecologists and indigenous tribes alike.

(a)resulted, hostilities
(b)gained, supporters
(c)attracted, opponents
(d)lead, protesters
(e)drew, proponents

7. According to a recent survey, sales figures of high end cars have seen an _________ growth in the past year, which shows that Indian consumers have _________ the

impact of recession.
(a)unprecedented, negated
(b)unbelievable, suffered
(c)unusual, worsened
(d)insignificant, endured
(e)adequate, proven

8. The National Knowledge Commission has said that India will have to bring _________ In education if it has to emerge as the most _________ workforce of the world.

(a)changes, biggest
(b)reforms, talented
(c)alleviation, skillful
(d)quality, brighter
(e)outcomes, demanded

9. Norway has stolen a march over other developed countries by _________ that it would reduce 40%of its greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and _________ carbon neutral by 2030.

(a) critically, pertain

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(b) positively, lend
(c)estimating, exist
(d)perceiving, arising
(e)declaring, become

10. According to the language experts, children should begin talking in their mother tongue rather than foreign language which can ________ affect their comprehension abilities leading to serious language based ________ later in their lives.

(a)significantly, abilities
(b)appropriately, achievements
(c)severely, advantages
(d) adversely, problems
(e)positively, issues

11. Drawing attention to the pitfalls of ________ solely on Uranium as a fuel for nuclear reactors, Indian scientists warned that Uranium will not last for long and thus research on Thorium as Its ________ must be revived.

(a)using, substitute
(b)believing, replacement
(c)depending, reserve
(d)reckoning, option
(e)relying, alternative

12. In an effort to provide ________ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out ________ graduates every year.

(a)chances, fresh
(b)platform, capable
(c)opportunities, unemployable
(d)prospects, eligible
(e)policy, incompetent

13. The move to allow dumping of mercury ________ an outcry from residents to the area who ________ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy, ecologically sensitive forest area. .

(a) resulted, insist
(b) provoked, fear r

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(c) incited, determined
(d)activated, accept
(e)angered believe

14. ________ some wholesale drug dealers for dealing in surgical items without a valid license and maintaining a stock of ________ drugs.

(a)Note, overwhelming
(b)Step, impressive
(c)Execution, outdated
(d)Action, expired
(e) Lawsuit, invalid

15. Even as the ________ elsewhere in the world are struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers are splurging on consumer goods and to ________ this growth, companies are investing heavily in various sectors.

(a) economies, meet
(b)countries, inhibit
(c)governments, measure
(d)nations, inflict
(e)companies, counter

16. The water transport project on the west coast is ________ to get as hot in the arm with a new plan in which the Road Development Corporation will build the infrastructure and ________ a private party to operate the service.

(a)scheduled let
(b)verge permit
(c)set sanctions
(d)slated allow
(e)bound task

17. As the weekend finally rolled i around, the City folk were only ________ happy to settle down and laugh their cares ________

(a)just afar
(b) too away
(c)extremely off
(d)very up
(e) so on

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18. The flood of brilliant ideas has not only ________ us but has also encouraged us to ________ the last date for submission of entries.

(a)overwhelmed extend

(b)enjoyed stretch

(c)dismayed decide

(d)scared scrap

(e)happy boundary

19. the ________ authorities have decided to ________ over to more reliable and ecofriendly systems to run its pumps.

(a)Worried, shift

(b)Frantic, move

(c)Troubled, jump

(d)Concerned, switch

(e) Endangered, click

20. 60 The high cutoff marks this year have ________ college admission seekers to either ________ for lesser known colleges or change their subject preferences.

(a)cajoled ask

(b)pressured sit

(c) forced settle

(d)strained compromise

(e)entrusted wait

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1. d 2. c 3. a 4. a 5. e 6. e 7. a 8. b 9. e 10. d

11. E 12. c 13. b 14. d 15. a 16. e 17. a 18. a 19. d 20. c

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1. This summer's movies are _____ for audiences of escape-the-heat mindless entertainment—not one film offers a substantive or even plausible plot.

a. privation

b.dulcet

c. jargon

d.fodder

e.germane

2. The dictator used propaganda and intimidation to _____ the revolution.

a. prelude

b.intimate

c. congregate

d.irradiate

e.quell

3. Standing on the _____, the preacher greeted the parishioners every Sunday morning.

a. steeple

b.pillar

c. parvis

d.manifestation

e.sensor

4. Sarita's _____ with her money caught up with her when she didn't have the resources to buy a badly needed new car.

a. miserliness

b.thriftiness

c. wantonness

d.intuition

e.predilection

5. The architect designed the ceiling using wood _____ that would remain uncovered, creating a rustic ambience in the living room.

a. pediments

b.joists

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c. mullions
d.banisters
e.abutments

6. When the house on the corner burned down, the entire neighborhood _____ together to help to the victims re-establish their lives.

a. rallied
b.recited
c. skulked
d.disintegrated
e.expedited

7. The massage therapist's _____ fingers quickly eased the tension in Baljit's back.

a. deft
b.furtive
c. listless
d.tentative
e.blithe

8. Jatin's parents were in _____ about the decision not to allow her to drive the family car to the stadium; they both agreed that it would be unsafe.

a. affluence
b.redress
c. refraction
d.discord
e.unison

9. As she walked through the halls of her old grade school, Mamta became _____, remembering her old friends and teachers.

a. prolific
b.nostalgic
c. credulous
d.precocious
e.ambitious

10. After being cleared of all charges for slander, the attorney was able to go back to work and _____ his role as a prosecutor.

a. inhibit

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b.reprimand
c. remand
d.resume
e.dissipate

11. Imran's pain was so _____ that he called 108.

a. remiss
b.rapacious
c. genteel
d.resolute
e.acute

12. The captain _____ the cargo to keep his ship afloat.

a. rebuked
b.listed
c. disunited
d.flanked
e.jettisoned

13. The teacher tried to _____ her class of their dependence on the number lines pasted to the tops of their desks.

a. wane
b.wax
c. whet
d.wean
e.wield

14. The young girl was so full of enthusiasm and _____ that she infected the room with energy.

a. languidness
b.apathy
c. vivacity
d.blandness
e.tenacity

15. Ricky is a _____ of the local coffee shop; you can find him there just about every morning.

a. diva
b.relic

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c. denizen
d.maverick
e.pariah

16. The child danced with _____ joy at hearing the news that her father had arrived home from his lengthy business trip.

a. staid
b.unbridled
c. stealthy
d.beneficial
e.restrained

17. Having never left the landlocked Midwest his entire life, Ashutosh found that swimming in the ocean was quite a(n) _____.

a. familiarity
b.extrovert
c. instinct
d.novelty
e.tabernacle

18. The rowdy crowd at the music concert _____ Harshit, and he spilled his soda on

his pants.
a. jettisoned
b.harrowed
c. jostled
d.lauded
e.superceded

19. Known for his strong command of the courtroom, it was common knowledge that Judge Disantis considered outbursts from defendants to be _____.

a. questionable
b.objectionable
c. antisocial
d.pliable
e.visionary

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20. Blinded by _____, Nitin accepted the job offer with the highest pay but the least possibility of making him happy.

a. ennui
b.heresy
c. infamy
d.avarice
e.temperance

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1. d. Fodder (n.) is a consumable, often inferior resource or item, high in demand and usually abundant in supply.

2. e. To quell (v.) means to cease or suppress.

3. c. A parvis (n.) is the porch or area before a building (as a church).

4. c. Wantonness (n.) means recklessness; bawdy; merciless.

5. b. Joist (n.) is a small, horizontal beam that supports a ceiling or floor, usually made of wood, reinforced concrete, or steel.

6. a. To rally (v.) means to come together for a common purpose or as a means of support; to recover or rebound.

7. a. Deft (adj.) means quick and skillful in movement, adroit.

8. e. Unison (n.) means a condition of perfect agreement and accord.

9. b. Nostalgic (adj.) is sentimentally yearning for a point in the past.

10. d. To resume (v.) means to take up again after interruption.

11. e. Acute (adj.) means extremely sharp or intense; keenly perceptive or discerning; of great importance or consequence, crucial; also, having a sharp tip or point.

12. e. To jettison (v.) is to toss goods overboard to lighten the load of a ship or aircraft to improve stability; to toss off (a burden).

13. d. To wean (v.) means to detach someone from that to which he is accustomed or devoted.

14. c. Vivacity (n.) means liveliness, to be fill of life.

15. c. A denizen (n.) is one who frequents a particular place; one who lives in a particular place, an inhabitant.

16. b. Unbridled (adj.) means without restraint.

17. d. A novelty (n.) is a new or unusual thing or occurrence.

18. c. To jostle (v.) is to push or shove roughly against; to drive with pushing; to disturb or bump.

19. b. Objectionable (adj.) means unpleasant or offensive.

20. d. Avarice (n.) means an excessive or insatiable desire for material wealth; inordinate greed.

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1. What you want to digitalise a city ________ with millions, you don't bet ________ the odds.

(a)proceeding, into
(b)teeming, against
(c)undergoing, adhere
(d)dangling, for
(e)falling, above

2. The numbers ________ by the legitimate online music service providers indicate that growing number of users are ________ to buy music.

(a)morphed, ignoring
(b)labeled, thriving
(c)figured, fanatic
(d)painted, interested
(e)touted, willing

3. If India is ________ on protecting its resources, international business appears equally ________ to safeguard its profit.

(a) dreaded, fragile
(b) stubborn, weak
(c)bent, determined
(d)approaching, settled
(e)obsessed, prepared

4. Brands –decision simplicity strategies make full use of available information to ________ where (consumers are on the path of decision making and direct them to the best market offers.

(a)diluting, divulge
(b)tempting, maintain
(c)imputing, overdrive
(d)pursuing, assess
(e)employing, trust

5. Lack of financing options, ________ with HR and technological ________ ,make small and medium enterprises sector the most vulnerable component of our economy.

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(a)except, loophole
(b)coupled, challenges
(c)armed, benefits
(d)registered, strategies
(e)strengthened, facilities

6. Their achievement in the field of literature is described as ________ sometimes it is even called ________ .

(a)magnificent, irresponsible
(b)insignificant, influential
(c)significant, paltry
(d)unimportant, trivia
(e)significance, trivia

7. This simplified ________ to the decision-making process is a must-read for anyone ________ important real estate, personal or professional decisions.

(a)primer, maximizing
(b)tract, enacting
(c)introduction, under
(d)guide, facing
(e)guide, enactment

8. Physicians may soon have ________ to help paralysed people move their limbs by passing the ________ nerves that once controlled their muscles.

(a)instruments, detrimental
(b) ways, damaged
(c)reasons, involuntary
(d)impediments, complex
(e)instrumental, damaged

9. The argument that the need fore looser fiscal policy to ________ demand outweighs the need to ________ budget deficits is persuasive.

(a)assess, minimise
(b)outstrip, eliminate
(c)stimulate, control
(d)restrain, conceal
(e)facilitate, hide

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10. The Internet is a medium where users have nearly ________ choices and ________ constraints about where to go and what to do.

(a)unbalanced, nonexistent

(b)embarrassing, no

(c)unlimited, minimal

(d)chocking, shocking

(e)limited, maximal.

11. Weather officials have ________ below normal rains this year. If the predictions come true, farm output could ________ as most of India's farmlands depend on rainwater for irrigation.

(a)forecasted shrank

(b)forecast shrank

(c)forecast shrink

(d)predicted expand

(e)predictions wan

12. It is the role of the state to ________ crime and protect people and property. If the state is unable to prevent a crime it falls upon the state to ________ the victim.

(a)prevent support

(b)preventing encourage

(c)prevent supporting

(d)forbid discourage

(e)forbid discouraging

13. A person who is , clean and tidy in how he dresses up commands better ________ from those around him than those who have a ________ and unkempt appearance.

(a)respectful slovenly

(b)respect slovenly

(c) respected untidy

(d) respect tidy

(e)respect careful

14. Today we have achieved a milestone by completing 60 years of independence. Its now the time for everyone or every Indian to undergo ________ of the achievements we already made and also those that are

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to be still________.

(a)self introspection — achiever

(b)self examination — achieve

(c)introspection — achieved

(d)search — found

(e)cross inspection — made

15. Education is an essential means of ________ women with the knowledge, skills and self confidence necessary to fully ________ in the development process.

(a)empower include

(b)empowering participate

(c)empowered participating

(d)empowerment participate

(e)strengthening participating

16. As per the present rules the factory inspector can ________ all factories located in an area to ________ a day other than Sunday the weekly holiday.

(a)allow, declare

(b)allowed, declare

(c)prohibited, declare

(d)allowing, declare

(e)allow, declaring

17. With women participation ________ sharply in the labor force over the post decade, there is a need to improve ________ for them.

(a)increase, facilities

(b)increasing, facilities

(c)increased, facilitate

(d)decrease, facilities

(e)decreasing, encouraging

18. Sixty six years after India attained independence, the government has finally ________ to change the measure to estimate the output of a steam engine horsepower that is being ________ since the British Raj.

(a)decide, use

(b)decked, using

(c)determined, outdated

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(d)decided, used
(e)determined, using

19. The family members of the victim said that the victim was being ________ from ________ complaint.

(a) prohibited, making
(b)taken, made
(c)prohibited, made
(d)allowed, made
(e)

20. The new management is pro cleanliness and will ________ all the employees who spit or smoke in the office ________ .

(a)fined, premise
(b)fine, premise
(c)fine, premises
(d)talk, ground
(e)be talking, building

Solutions

1. b 2. e 3. c 4. d 5. B 6. d 7. d 8. b 9. c 10. c

11. c 12. a 13. b 14. c 15. b 16. a 17. b 18. d 19. A 20. c

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1. It was very unprofessional of you to _____ your assistant in front of everyone at the meeting; she deserves more respect, and any criticism of her performance should be done in private.

a. placate
b.augment
c. usurp
d.preclude
e.deride

2. The log cabin had a(n) _____ feel, so it was often enjoyed by vacationers from the city throughout the year.

a. abstract
b.ersatz
c. rustic
d.raucous
e.repellent

3. We knew Jaya had _____ motives for running for class president: She wanted the nearby parking space that came with the office.

a. anterior
b.interior
c. inferior
d.posterior
e.ulterior

4. The town board heard many outraged and _____ arguments from the citizens against the destruction of some wooded areas in order to build a new mall.

a. tenuous
b.vociferous
c. vacuous
d.satisfied
e.egregious

5. The villainous gang's hideout was a den of _____ that no one would dare to enter.

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a. innocence
b.habitants
c. iniquity
d.accolades
e.innovation

6. Indigestion is a common _____ of participating in a hot-dog eating contest.

a. euphemism
b.penchant
c. corollary
d.juxtaposition
e.itinerary

7. Although it was so ridiculous that no one believed it to be true, the reporter's _____ still cost the governor his re-election.

a. hegemony
b.sedition
c. malaise
d.compendium
e.calumny

8. People on the street stopped to _____ over the artist's rendition of the Eiffel Tower, amazed by his ability to capture the detail.

a. bedazzle
b.innovate
c. gratify
d.counteract
e.objectify

9. The veteran lieutenant was not happy with his _____ rank behind the two inexperienced men.

a. tertiary
b.silly
c. unctuous
d.superior
e.fastened

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10. The prime minister was admired by all, a(n) _____ even in an environment of corruption and disdain.

a. admonishment
b.alleviation
c. nonpareil
d.prototype
e.profanation

11. The queen's _____ fell ill during his journey and was unable to negotiate on her behalf when he arrived at the economic summit.

a. penury
b.miscreant
c. emissary
d.denizen
e.zealot

12. Tarun was _____ by a series of setbacks that nearly made him miss his deadline.

a. ensconced
b.relegated
c. beleaguered
d.solicited
e.winnowed

13. Mumbai boasts many _____ restaurants—places that are elegant and frequented by famous movie stars, political figures, and other elite members of society.

a. pungent
b.posh
c. diminutive
d.mediocre
e.middling

14. Puja was shocked to discover how much higher her IQ was than the _____.

a. norm
b.stimulation
c. prudence

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d.solitude
e.derivative

15. Although she appeared confident, once she began her speech, the valedictorian's _____ voice indicated her nervousness.

a. supercilious
b.resonant
c. tenuous
d.placating
e.tremulous

16. Diksha cannot seem to find her niche in life; she has changed her _____ at least three times in the past ten years.

a. automation
b.vocation
c. plethora
d.pliancy
e.combustion

17. The discovery of the new element was _____; the scientist was looking for something else.

a. insignificant
b.intrepid
c. eloquent
d.inadvertent
e.emollient

18. A charming painting of a pleasant ____ landscape hung above Viru's fireplace, in marked contrast to the noise and lights of the bustling city outside his window.

a. nascent
b.histrionic
c. bucolic
d.indigenous
e.ersatz

19. Ashok, who has always been painfully shy, was very _____ by the news that he would have to do a presentation in front of his classmates.

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a. discomfited
b.circumvented
c. relegated
d.promulgated
e.castigated

20. Since his parents had little money, Punit was _____ to his uncle for paying for his college education.

a. alleged
b.provided
c. obliged
d.demented
e.fortified

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1. e. To deride (v.) is to speak of or treat with contempt; to ridicule scornfully.

2. c. Rustic (adj.) means rural; rough; made from rough limbs or trees.

3. e. Ulterior (adj.) means lying beyond or outside what is openly shown or said.

4. b. Vociferous (adj.) means making a loud outcry.

5. c. Iniquity (n.) is wickedness or overwhelming injustice.

6. c. Corollary (n.) means a natural consequence or result; a deduction or inference that follows from the proof of another proposition.

7. e. Calumny (n.) means a false statement or accusation uttered maliciously to harm another's reputation, slander.

8. e. To objectify (v.) means to stare at amorously.

9. a. Tertiary (adj.) ranking third in order of importance, position, or value.

10. c. A nonpareil (n.) is a person or thing of peerless excellence.

11. c. An emissary (n.) is an agent sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else.

12. c. To beleaguer (v.) is to harass, beset, besiege.

13. b. Posh (adj.) means elegant and fashionable.

14. a. A norm (n.) is an average standard, pattern, or type.

15. e. Tremulous (adj.) means characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.

16. b. Vocation (n.) means a regular occupation or profession.

17. d. Inadvertent (adj.) means not attentive or heedless; acting carelessly; unintentional.

18. c. Bucolic (adj.) means of or characteristic of country life or people, rustic, especially in an idealized sense; of or characteristic of shepherds or herdsmen, pastoral.

19. a. To discomfit (v.) means to make uneasy, disconcert; to cause to lose one’s composure; to break up or thwart the plans of, frustrate.

20. c. Obliged (v.) means to be indebted.

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1. Liberalisation has removed all the legal ________ and ________ floodgates to multinational companies.

(a)hurdles, awarded
(b)barriers, opened
(c)obstacles, guarded
(d) manipulation, closed
(e)battles, threw

2. The ________ on some of the towns has created ________ among the residents of the other pail of the country.

(a)attack, ambition
(b)raid, awareness
(c) bombardment panic
(d)spell, satisfaction
(e)shower ±,, dampness .

3. ________ to the popular belief that every astrologer nurtures blind faith, in fate, our astrologer believes in ________ .

(a)contrary, action
(b) according, thoughts
(c)bowing, present
(d)proving forecasting
(e)pointing, devotion

4. His ________ has fruit and yielded him the ________

(a) fate, undesirable
(b)efforts, unwanted
(c)action, viable
(d)perseverance, desired
(e)emphasis, expected

5. To avoid ________ there is a need for ________ planning of the project.

(a)cancellation, broad
(b)problem, deliberate
(c)pitfalls, systematic
(d)inconvenience, convenient

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(e)losses, temporary

6. ________ dinosaurs are believed to be the ancestors of modem birds, the discovery of soft tissue in dinosaurs fossils containing proteins found only in birds is very ________

(a)Though unfortunate
(b)Recenllycommon
(c)Since exciting
(d)Perhaps remarkable
(e)Moreover welcome

7. The van Allow belts which are ________ between 13000 to 60000km above the ear the surface were discovered In 1958 and contain electrons which play________with electronic systems on satellites.

(a), somewhere damages.
(b)located havoc
(c)position mayhem
(d)situated part
(e)vicinity approximate

8. Rice farmers use ________ methods of farming and old equipments making the cost of rice ________ twice as much as it is In other countries.

(a)obsolete economical
(b)modem expensive
(c)future virtuality
(d)antiquated almost
(e)sustainable approximate

9. Some experts believe that the best ________ to reduce the number of accidents caused by drivers using their mobile phones to create an app ________ communications when the vehicle is , in motion and unblocking them , when the vehicle reaches its destination.

(a)tactic block
(b)part facilitating
(c) decision expediting
(d) method further
(e)

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10. Services provided by money transfer companies are ________ for people who do not have bank accounts or who are working far from home and are helpful to ________ trade a disperse wealth.

(a)fundamental compute
(b)prerequisite invigorating
(c)vitally strengthen,
(d) essentially booster
(e) inherent foster

11. Handicrafts constitute an important ________ of the decentralized sector of India's economy and ________ employment to over six million artisans.

(a)factors — aims
(b)extension — plans
(c)segment — provides
(d)supplier — gives
(e)period — projects

12. Among a number of hobbies that one can ________ the hobby of reading is the most useful and

(a)develops — accumulative
(b)cultivates — enlightened
(c)nourish — cumulative
(d)absorbs — durable
(e)considers — appreciative

13. The quality of between individuals and the organisation for which they work can be to the benefit of both the parties.

(a)services, evaluated
(b)interaction, improved
(c)sophistication . developed
(d)work appreciated
(e)life conceptualized

14. Part of the confusion in our societies ________ from our pursuit of efficiency and economic growth ,in the ________ that these are the necessary ingredients of progress.

(a)stems — conviction

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(b)derives — evaluation
(c)emerges — consideration
(d)obtains — exploration
(e)extends — planning

15. The problem of housing shortage _________ with the population explosion has also been _________ by this policy.

(a)coped —highlighted
(b)dispensed — acknowledged
(c)compounded — addressed
(d)threatened — manifested
(e)projected — discussed

16. Many people take spirituality very seriously and_________. about those who don't, worrying about them and _________ them to believe.

(a)think, criticizing
(b)pride, appraising
(c)rationalize, enabling
(d) wonder, prodding
(e) ponder, venturing

17. Unless new reserves are found soon, the worlds supply of coal is being_________ in such away that with demand continuing to grow at present rates, reserves will be _________ by the year 2050

(a)consumed, completed
(b) depleted, exhausted
(c) reduced, argument
(d)burnt, destroyed
(e)utilized, perished

18. If you are a _________ you tend to respond to stressful situations, In a. calm, secure, steady and _________ way.

(a)resilient,. rational
(b)obdurate,,manageable
(c)propitious, stable
(d)delectable,. flexible
(e)supportive, positive

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19. Management can be defined as the process of ________organizational goals by working with and through human and nonhuman resources to ________ improve value added to the world.

(a)getting, deliberately
(b) managing, purposefully
(c) targeting, critically
(d)realizing, dialectically
(e)reaching, continuously

20. If you are an introvert, you ________ to prefer working alone and, if possible, will ________ towards projects where you can work by yourself or with as few people as possible.

(a) like, depart
(b) advocate, move
(c)tend, gravitate
(d) express, attract
(e) feel – follow

Solutions

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. d 5. c 6. c 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. a

11. c 12. c 13. B 14. c 15. c 16. d 17. b 18. a 19. e 20. c

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1. With great _____, we stepped gingerly onto the planks of the dilapidated bridge that spanned a rocky stream twenty feet below.
a. trepidation
b.instigation
c. perdition
d.refraction
e.endowment

2. At the risk of sounding like an _____, the teacher assigned extra homework for the weekend.
a. oaf
b.ogre
c. impost
d.alcove
e.anathema

3. Viru felt that his mother's request to run her errands was a huge _____ since he would have rather watched a soccer match with his friends that afternoon.
a. justification
b.imposition
c. preponderance
d.deviation
e.recourse

4. The paper was _____ so that it could be easily removed from the bound notebook.
a. voracious
b.infectious
c. fickle
d.perforated
e.fluent

5. The mad scientist _____ the potion with acid, making it not only useless, but also dangerous.
a. corrugated

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b.vitiated
c. implemented
d.instigated
e.titillated

6. Jay's paintings were not minimalist, but they were _____, using only the most elemental and essential elements.

a. elliptical
b.truculent
c. pernicious
d.perfunctory
e.abstemious

7. Jayant's prolonged illness was the _____ that ignited his interest in science and led to his illustrious career in medical research.

a. hyperbole
b.catalyst
c. penchant
d.insolence
e.caveat

8. Stopping to admire the _____ in the front yard, the young woman continued on with her gardening duties.

a. paradigm
b.compost
c. clutter
d.oleander
e.patagium

9. The river, _____ with new-fallen rain, overflowed its banks and flooded the tiny village in a matter of hours.

a. placated
b.turgid
c. redundant
d.equivalent
e.quarantined

10. In a(n) _____ expression of pleasure, the infant clapped her hands and squealed with joy.

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a. overt
b.obligatory
c. illusive
d.peremptory
e.turbulent

11. Prakash's _____ humor does not amuse many people; rather many find it offensive and hurtful.

a. nebulous
b.truncated
c. stoic
d.vitriolic
e.flirtatious

12. The play's _____ debut was not a good sign for the struggling producer.

a. unsubstantial
b.inauspicious
c. copious
d.disembodied
e.immaterial

13. At one time it was in _____ for women to wear gloves and hats whenever they were out in public.

a. gore
b.gauge
c. vogue
d.brawn
e.vain

14. To ensure that Babita wouldn't know where we were going for her birthday, I took the most _____ route I could think of.

a. ardent
b.craven
c. enigmatic
d.circuitous
e.mercurial

15. The editorial was essentially a(n) _____ to the governor, praising her for her enactment of a series of environmental laws

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and for balancing the state budget for the first time in 20 years.

a. juggernaut

b.imprecation

c. cabal

d.oeuvre

e.encomium

16. Chandan felt particularly _____ as he carried the large satchel filled with cash through the dark streets to the bank.

a. inclusive

b.vulnerable

c. reclusive

d.unwieldy

e.torrential

17. Nitin's _____ attitude toward the boss is embarrassing; he does nearly everything for him except scratch his nose!

a. subservient

b.subversive

c. subtle

d.sundry

e.surly

18. Although she was a successful professional, Deepika's inability to accurately complete her taxes made her feel a bit _____.

a. endowed

b.rapturous

c. ravenous

d.obtuse

e.elated

19. Jimmy didn't want to appear _____, but his brothers simply could not convince him to change his mind.

a. pitiful

b.scrupulous

c. harmonious

d.obstinate

e.unabated

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20. Buying homeowner's insurance is a wise decision because it provides _____ if your house should be damaged in a fire.

a. chastisement
b.indemnity
c. clarification
d.resolution
e.annulment

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1. a. Trepidation (n.) means nervous uncertainty of feeling.

2. b. An ogre (n.) is, in popular usage, a cruel person, or a monster.

3. b. Imposition (n.) is the act of imposing something such as a burden or duty; an unfair demand.

4. d. Perforated (adj.) means with a line of holes to facilitate separation; pierced with a pointed instrument.

5. b. To vitiate (v.) means to spoil; to make faulty or impure; to corrupt morally.

6. a. Elliptical (adj.) means characterized by extreme economy of words or style; of, relating to, or having the shape of an ellipsis.

7. b. A catalyst (n.) is something that precipitates or causes a process or event; (in chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected in the process.

8. d. An oleander (n.) is a beautiful but poisonous evergreen shrub.

9. b. Turgid (adj.) means swollen.

10. a. Overt (adj.) means apparent, obvious.

11. d. Vitriolic (adj.) means bitterly scathing; caustic.

12. b. Inauspicious (adj.) means not favorable or unfortunate; not promising success.

13. c. Vogue (n.) means the prevalent way or fashion.

14. d. Circuitous (adj.) means having or taking a roundabout, lengthy, or indirect course.

15. e. Encomium (n.) means a formal expression of praise, a glowing tribute.

16. b. Vulnerable (adj.) means assailable; capable of receiving injuries; open to attack.

17. a. Subservient (adj.) means following another's requests in a servantlike manner far below that which is called for.

18. d. Obtuse (adj.) means lacking quickness of perception or intellect.

19. d. Obstinate (adj.) means stubborn.

20. b. Indemnity (n.) is protection from loss or damage; immunity from punishment; compensation for loss or damage.

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1. The teacher must ________ the unique style of a learner in order to ________ it to the desired knowledge.

(a)advocate, direct
(b)perpetuate,. develop
(c) appreciate, focus
(d)absorb, maintain
(e) discover, harness

2. Not all countries benefit ________ from liberalization. The benefits tend to ________ first to the advantaged and to those with the right education to be able to benefit from the opportunities presented.

(a)equally, generate
(b)richly, downgrade
(c)suitably ., ascribe
(d)uniformly,. percolate
(e)judiciously,facilitate

3. He has ________ sense of words Therefore, the sentence he constructs are always ________. with rich meaning.

(a)profound, pregnant
(b)distinguished,loaded
(c)terrific, tempted
(d)meaningful, full
(e)outstanding, consistent

4. He was an ________. musician, had been awarded the George Medal during the second world war and ________ with the tide of Rai Bahadur.

(a)outstanding, popularize
(b)underestimated,, declared

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(c)accomplished, honored
(d) impressive, assigned
(e)obdurate,. proclaimed

5. Whether it be shallow or not, commitment is the _________ the bedrock of any _________ loving relationship.

(a)expression, perfunctory
(b)foundation,. genuinely
(c)manifestation,deep
(d) key, alarmingly
(e) basis,absorbing

6. We are _________ a great chemical experiment and _________ to scientists.

A. living in the midst of
B. some serious consequences are becoming apparent
C. in threat of
(a) A and B
(b) A and 0
(c) B and C
(d) C and B
(e) None of these

7. The ensure _________ and thus facilitate economic growth China _________ North Korea

A. destabilization of a flash point
B. a stable security environment within the region
C. played an active role in facilitating negotiations with
(a) A and B
(b) B and C
(c) C and A
(d) A and C
(e) None of these

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8. Indian corporate leaders ________ global giants and market share, ________

A had done well standing up

B. as their companies have grown in size

C. have done well standing up to

(a)A and B

(b) B and C

(c) C and B

(d) A and C

(e) None of these

9. Every country has ________ for citizens ________ .

A. lay down comprehensive rules,

B. laid down comprehensive series of practical rules.

C. for resolving mutual contradictory rights and interests.

(a)A and B

(b) B and C

(c)C and A

(d) A and C

(e) None of these

10. ________ that the developed world ________ of the worlds poor.

A. It is a myth

B. already gives plenty of aid

C. It was a myth

(a)A and B

(b) B and C

(c)C and B

(d) A and C

(e) None of these

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11. If public sector units ________ to attain profit, they should get rid of ________measures.

(a)fail, healthy,

(b)determine, cheap,

(c)expect, strong

(d)decide, populist

(e)try, modem

12. His ________ at word is the result of his________.

(a)concentration, negligence

(b)indulgence, wastefulness

(c)diligence, sincerity

(d)negligence, honesty

(e)thoughtfulness, apathy

13. The bag, was so ________ that he could ________carry it.

(a)shabby, not

(b) full, seldom

(c) bulky, never

(d) filled, often

(e) heavy, hardly

14. Two of the________ were arrested against whom the police had ________ a complaint.

(a)prisoners, received

(b)criminals, entered

(c)accused, registered

(d)complainants, entered

(e)accomplices, initiated

15. The demand to ________ the culture of the city was long________ with the Government.

(a)preserve, pending

(b)demolish, lasting

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(c)protect, disposing
(d)explore, cherished
(e)maintain, laying

16. Though the programme was ________. scheduled for seven days, it was later ________ to four days.

(a)finally, decided
(b)originally, curtailed
(c)initially, resolved
(d)ultimately, made
(e)formerly, declared

17. Many citizens of that country have risked death to ________ because conditions there have grown very________

(a)life, worse
(b)escape, severe
(c)survival, pleasing
(d)save, bad
(e)life, different

18. Crocodile can live effortlessly both ________water and _____ water.

(a)into, the
(b) with, over
(c)without, the
(d)inside, above
(e) in, on

19. Bad movies which have ________ the lifestyle on the youth should be banned.

(a)adversely affected
(b)severely changed
(c)gracefully uplifted
(d)unceremoniously evolved

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(e)dramatically ignored

20. Candidates have ________ using malpractices in the examination because they know these can be________

(a)resorted to, challenged
(b)planned, proved
(c)started, dangerous
(d)stopped, detected
(e)given up. fruitful

Solutions

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. B 8. c 9. b 10. a 11. a 12. c 13. e 14. c 15. a 16. b 17. b 18. e 19. a 20. d

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1. Although it was supposed to be written for the general public, the report was so _____ that only those with inside knowledge of government workings could understand it.

a. indigenous
b.ebullient
c. truculent
d.pugnacious
e.esoteric

2. Tarun set up a rope to _____ the part of the exhibit that was off-limits.

a. circumscribe
b.laud
c. efface
d.undulate
e.beguile

3. The loud clap of thunder caused the little dog to _____ all over.

a. slather
b.quake
c. enunciate
d.binge
e.infuse

4. Pintu fell into a groggy _____ after having suffered a high fever for several days.

a. profundity
b.sluggard
c. verve
d.stupor
e.grovel

5. Billu had a tendency to _____ certain details of his evenings out when he didn't want his parents to know where he had been.

a. excel
b.oscillate
c. corroborate

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d.juxtapose
e.omit

6. We took pity on the young _____ and brought him to a shelter where he could find food and warmth.

a. waif
b.perfidy
c. ionic
d.plaintiff
e.troubadour

7. The fire caused _____ damage to the warehouse, which forced the owner to demolish the building.

a. sanctified
b.equitable
c. preliminary
d.irreparable
e.pretentious

8. When people are in love, they may find their beloved's _____ often annoying to or disparaged by others—to be charming and endearing.

a. foibles
b.mendacity
c. ennui
d.aplomb
e.penchants

9. Tinku was able to _____ the traffic jam by taking a series of one-way streets that led to the bridge.

a. staunch
b.diffuse
c. corroborate
d.circumvent
e.juxtapose

10. The risk of cheating on the test was not worth the possible _____ of failing the class.

a. specification
b.gratification

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c. ramification
d.narcissism
e.renegade

11. We found that the gallons of water we had brought on our hike were _____, and we had to carry the extra bottles home.

a. superannuated
b.extraordinary
c. derivative
d.superfluous
e.untenable

12. Moving all the heavy cinder blocks by hand from the driveway to the backyard seemed like a(n) _____ task.

a. precipitous
b.poignant
c. onerous
d.salient
e.gallant

13. Chinky's _____ face gave no clue to her hard, cold heart.

a. winsome
b.gruesome
c. fatuous
d.ironic
e.flaccid

14. Keeping hot peppers in the olive oil _____ it with a spicy kick.

a. contemplates
b.stigmatizes
c. scrutinizes
d.infuses
e.defames

15. She realized mortgage rates had declined and decided it was _____ to continue paying rent when she could now afford a monthly payment for her own home.

a. referable
b.relative

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c. subsequent
d.episodic
e.inexpedient

16. The deadline has been moved to this Friday, so we must _____ our efforts and complete the project earlier than we had planned.

a. wane
b.ruminate
c. burnish
d.pilfer
e.expedite

17. As the city grew and stretched its borders, it began to feel the _____ problems of urban sprawl and overpopulation.

a. improvident
b.mendacious
c. ersatz
d.concomitant
e.surreptitious

18. Tarachand, a dentist, _____ to be with the media, so he could see the concert for free.

a. facilitated
b.conjugated
c. purported
d.tended
e.placated

19. _____ on a lounge chair by the pool was the very tan owner of the estate, relaxing in the midday sunshine.

a. Trident
b.Renegade
c. Fraught
d.Renowned
e.Supine

20. Observing his sister's _____ behavior of riding without a helmet, Jayesh ran to get his mother.

a. contemptuous

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b.contented
c. fictitious
d.parlous
e.pensive

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1. e. Esoteric (adj.) means designed for, confined to, or understandable only by a restricted number of people, an enlightened inner circle.

2. a. To circumscribe (v.) is to draw a line around, encircle; to restrict or confine; to determine the limits of, define.

3. b. To quake (v.) means to shiver or tremble, as from fear or cold; to shake or vibrate violently.

4. d. Stupor (n.) means profound lethargy, such as one might experience after being very ill.

5. e. To omit (v.) is to leave out; to neglect, disregard.

6. a. A waif (n.) is a stray; a homeless, neglected wanderer, especially a homeless child.

7. d. Irreparable (adj.) means not capable of being remedied or corrected; not reparable.

8. a. A foible (n.) is a minor weakness or character flaw; a distinctive behavior or attribute peculiar to an individual.

9. d. To circumvent (v.) is to go around, bypass; to get around or avoid through cleverness or artful maneuvering; to surround, enclose, entrap.

10. c. A ramification (n.) is a consequence for an action.

11. d. Superfluous (adj.) means extra; more than is needed, unnecessary.

12. c. Onerous (adj.) is burdensome or troublesome.

13. a. Winsome (adj.) means attractive.

14. d. To infuse (v.) is to instill or cause to penetrate; to inspire.

15. e. Inexpedient (adj.) means not expedient; not suitable or fit for the purpose; not tending to promote a proposed object.

16. e. To expedite (v.) means to speed up the progress of, accelerate; to process or execute quickly and efficiently.

17. d. Concomitant (adj.) means occurring or existing concurrently; accompanying, attendant.

18. c. To purport (v.) means to give false appearance of being.

19. e. Supine (adj.) means lying on the back.

20. d. Parlous (adj.) means dangerous, risky, or extreme.

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1. The news about the bank _________ threw the financial market into a _________

(a)safety, upheaval.
(b)cheating, confidence
(c) robbery, suspicion
(d) fraud, turmoil
(e) None of these

2. The western society is known for its _________ whereas Indian society is _________

(a)conservatism strict
(b)permissiveness restrictive
(c)activeness, impassive
(d)waywardness submissive
(e) None of these

3. If you carry this _________ attitude to the conference, you will _________ any supporters you may have at this moment.

(a)truculent, alienate
(b)conciliatory, defer
(c)uliquitous, impress
(d)restrictive, attract
(e) None of these

4. When I listened to his cogent arguments, all my _________. were _________ and I was forced to agree with his point of view.

(a)questions, unanswered
(b)doubts, confirmed
(c)senses, stimulated
(d)doubts, dispelled
(e) None of these

5. A number of journalists and lens men were _________ by the police when they went to cover the _________ drive of the State government.

(a)attacked, vacuous
(b)combated, evacuation

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(c)assaulted, eviction
(d)infringed – demolition
(e) None of these

6. He went to the library ________ to find that it was closed.

(a)seldom
(b)never
(c)only
(d)solely
(e) None of these

7. The ties that bind us together in common activity are so ________ that they can disappear at any moment. ________

(a)tentative
(b)tenuous
(c)consistent
(d)restrictive
(e) None of these

8. Her reaction to his proposal was ________ . She rejected it ________

(a)Inevitable vehemently
(b)subtle violently
(c)clever abruptly
(d)sympathetic angrily
(e) None of these

9. His ________ directions misled us we did not know which of the two roads to take.

(a)complicated
(b) ambiguous
(c)narrow
(d) fantastic
(e) None of these

10. It would be difficult for one so ________ to believe that all men are equal irrespective of caste, race and religion.

(a)emotional
(b) democratic
(c)intolerant

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(d) liberal
(e) None of these

11. In his latest book, the author gives a real ________ into the sufferings of individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one ________ to a physical illness.

(a)testimony, owning
(b)account, attribute
(c)praise, following
(d)insight, owing
(e)knowledge, new

12. Everybody has had the flu at some point of time, with its ________ symptoms aches, chills, fatigue and cough. So why is the bird flu ________ so many headlines ?

(a)familiar, making
(b)knowing, hitting
(c)same, targeting
(d)similar, cause
(e)drastic, topping

13. Bollywood actors may have set the stage on fire the rock stars from the Indian music Industry ________ the house down during the gala night.

(a)as, bring
(b) yet, sang
(c)for, took
(d) and, had
(e)but, brought

14. In his latest book and documentary, the world renowned author explains that if we continue to ________ . what we are doing to our planet, we risk ________ the very future of our civilization.

(a)do, appreciating
(b)ignore, destroying
(c)secure, losing
(d)establish, maintenance
(e)probe, questioning

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15. Although carbon dioxide levels are ________ all over the world, the ________ are most obvious at the North and South Poles,

(a)booming, explosion
(b)exploding, scene
(c)rising, effects
(d)firing, consequences
(e)spilling, disaster

16. State hospitality extended to a visiting foreign dignity is of tensed symbolically to convey ________massages and very often pomp and ceremony serve to ________ sharp differences.

(a)subtle, mask
(b)loud,camouflage
(c)sharp,hide
(d)important, accentuate
(e) None of these

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(b)ubiquitous, impress
(c)aggressive, alienate
(d)belligerent, attract
(e) None of these

18. This special purpose vehicle for infrastructural project has been proposed to impart a ________to such core sector projects as also to ensure the completion of such projects which remained on account of paucity of funds,___________

(a)push, inconclusive
(b)thrust, stalled
(c)breakthrough, shelved
(d)fillip,,active
(e) None of these

19. To avoid ________ there is a need for ________ planning of the project.

(a)cancellation, broad
(b)problem, deliberate

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(c)pitfalls, systematic
(d)inconvenience, convenient
(e)losses, temporary

20. A good management will decide not only the ________ for equipment but also Its ________ for deciding priorities.

(a)need, urgency
(b)usefulness, utility
(c)cost, value
(d)requirement, necessities
(e)technology, methodology

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1. d 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. c 6. c 7. b 8. c 9. b 10. c 11. d 12. a 13. e 14. b 15. C 16. a 17. c 18. b 19. c 20. a

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1. In an attempt to _____ the enemy, Braveheart rallied hundreds of fierce warriors.

a. alienate
b.scoff
c. obliterate
d.ostracize
e.minimize

2. The film was completed on schedule despite the _____ circumstances regarding the location and extreme weather conditions.

a. tenuous
b.imperial
c. cryptic
d.contrived
e.adverse

3. The postcard advertised a free cruise to anyone who bought a magazine subscription, but after reading the fine print Shivani found the cruise was just a _____.

a. petition
b.gimmick
c. compromise
d.reference
e.motif

4. Many employers like to visit college campuses and _____ college seniors to work for their companies.

a. daunt
b.recruit
c. illuminate
d.dither
e.flout

5. I could tell by Kapil's _____ manner that he was really sorry for how he had treated Ashok.

a. callous

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b.erratic
c. zealous
d.nonchalant
e.contrite

6. The company officials felt the rising cost of health coverage was _____ enough to raise their employees' insurance premiums.

a. moratorium
b.justification
c. symbolism
d.disposition
e.habitude

7. The _____ of the sheriff's department ended at the county line.

a. prerequisite
b.emendation
c. alliteration
d.jurisdiction
e.respite

8. Raju plays golf every chance he gets; even a weeklong golfing vacation could not _____ his appetite for the game.

a. initiate
b.satiate
c. relinquish
d.revive
e.employ

9. We could not describe the scene before us; it was filled with such _____ beauty.

a. inexorable
b.unutterable
c. uproarious
d.mnemonic
e.fretful

10. The subject matter was _____ because the mumbling professor spoke too quickly.

a. obscure

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b.magnanimous
c. treacherous
d.vital
e.maximized

11. Arun becomes so _____ when he talks about painting that it is hard not to be infected by his enthusiasm.

a. laconic
b.circuitous
c. impertinent
d.ardent
e.recalcitrant

12. The cruise ship's deliciously appetizing dinner buffets encouraged _____ among the vacationing passengers.

a. gluttony
b.squabbling
c. equivocation
d.restraint
e.queries

13. As the pressures of her business became overwhelming, Lalita chose to _____ her role as PTA president.

a. expedite
b.transgress
c. propagate
d.relinquish
e.retaliate

14. Don't let Julie's enthusiasm fool you; she's just a _____, not a professional dancer.

a. maverick
b.denizen
c. mercenary
d.maven
e.dilettante

15. Normally, Maya would not have made so many spelling mistakes in her essay; she is usually _____ about her spelling.

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a. sumptuous
b.scurrilous
c. ridiculous
d.scrupulous
e.fatuous

16. It took four men two hours to move the _____ sofa up three flights of stairs into our apartment.

a. suave
b.garrulous
c. unwieldy
d.pivotal
e.quixotic

17. In the Roman myth, Artemis made a pilgrimage to the _____, hoping to learn the answer to her dilemma.

a. denouement
b.decorum
c. oracle
d.vizier
e.pillar

18. Orson was truly a(n) _____: towering over others at six feet nine inches, he was also one of the most influential and successful producers in the feature film industry.

a. behemoth
b.anathema
c. demagogue
d.viceroy
e.charlatan

19. Bala was an _____ child, he was sent to the principal's office on numerous occasions for his rude classroom behavior.

a. impeccable
b.impertinent
c. observant
d.obscure
e.adjuvant

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20. The defendant waited anxiously for the jury to _____ the decision that would seal his fate.

a. render
b.deprecate
c. rejuvenate
d.disparage
e.prohibit

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1. c. To obliterate (v.) means to blot out or destroy.

2. e. Adverse (adj.) means acting against or contrary to; unfavorable; or opposed or opposing.

3. b. A gimmick (n.) is a tricky scheme or gadget.

4. b. To recruit (v.) means to seek to induct or enroll; to enlist.

5. e. Contrite (adj.) means feeling or expressing sorrow or regret for one's sins or offenses; penitent.

6. b. Justification (n.) is an explanation or reason that justifies or shows something to be necessary.

7. d. Jurisdiction (n.) is authority or power; sphere of power or authority.

8. b. To satiate(v.) means to satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.

9. b. Unutterable (adj.) means inexpressible.

10. a. Obscure (adj.) means not clearly expressed or easily understood; not easily seen or distinguished.

11. d. Ardent (adj.) means characterized by intense emotion or enthusiasm, passionate, fervent; glowing or burning like fire.

12. a. Gluttony (n.) is drinking or eating to excess; excessive indulgence.

13. d. To relinquish (v.) means to give up (something), renounce claim to.

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14. e. A dilettante (n.) is an amateur, one who dabbles in an art or field of knowledge for amusement; a lover of fine arts, a connoisseur.

15. d. Scrupulous (adj.) means extremely careful, cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.

16. c. Unwieldy (adj.) means moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape.

17. c. An oracle (n.) is a person of great knowledge; the place where answers are given, as in a sanctuary.

18. a. A behemoth (n.) is a giant; something or someone who is enormous in size, power, or importance.

19. b. Impertinent (adj.) means improperly bold; rude; lacking good manners.

20. a. To render (v.) means to give in return in compliance with a duty; to make or depict.

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1. ________ appears to be a small error in the beginning may turn out to be a ________ in the long run.

(a)It, disaster
(b)What, blunder
(c)That, debacle
(d)It. slip
(e)What, incident

2. Being very ________ in nature, he always uses his ________ skills.

(a)adamant, soft
(b)polite, basic
(c)humble, experimental
(d)pushy, persuasive
(e)mild, aggressive

3. Demand and supply do not ________ the same relationship as the one that ________ between height and weight.

(a) possess, has
(b)incur, is
(c)defend, volunteers
(d)bear, borne
(e)have, exists

4. If the system ________ to yield the desired result, try to ________ the whole procedure In the given sequence.

(a)entitles, dump
(b)ignores, reproduce
(c)fails, reoperate
(d)imitates, generate
(e)equips, encompass

5. He is so ________ in his approach that not a single point ever ________ his attention.

(a)meticulous, escapes
(b)casual, erodes
(c)fanatic, brings

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(d)deliberate, attracts
(e)nasty, coincides

6. Generally, ________ students ________those who are mediocre.

(a)humble, surmount
(b)meritorious, surpass
(c)bright, overestimate,
(d)intelligent, surrender
(e)studious, respect

7. ________ and ________ should not be tolerated in our country which boasts of Ahimsa as its way of life.

(a)Politicking, elections
(b)Dishonor, efficiency
(c)Lethargy, procrastination
(d)Nepotism, selfishness
(e)Hatred violence

8. He ________ a wrong act because it was ________ for him to do so due to circumstantial forces.

(a)compelled, necessary
(b), refused, dangerous
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(e)simplified, harmful

19. Parents need to encourage their children to look ________the traditional fields so that a passion can be ________ into a career,

(a)Beyond, developed
(b)outside, moved
(c)along, blossom
(d)besides, pushed
(e)within, matured

20. In an ________ to save farmers from vagaries of Monsoon, the government will soon ________ villages with nearest sources of water.

(a) Event, join
(b) efforts, link
(c)endeavour, assign

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(d)attack, allot
(e)attempt, connect

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1. b 2. e 3. d 4. c 5. a 6. b 7. e 8. d 9. C 10. a 11. b 12. e 13. d 14. c 15. a 16. e 17. e 18. d 19. a 20. d

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1. We must _____ the information about the agenda changes immediately so that the conference attendees have time to adjust their schedules.

a. burnish
b.disseminate
c. galvanize
d.placate
e.admonish

2. During the time of the plague in the little village, the forlorn _____ of the church bells was an almost daily sound.

a. prepossession
b.premise
c. delectation
d.knell
e.credence

3. If you can adhere to the _____ rules of a military society, the Marines may be an excellent career choice.

a. strident
b.raucous
c. stringent
d.pedantic
e.lurid

4. The natural _____ of the canyon cause it to be an everlasting source of new adventures and beauty.

a. blandishments
b.vicissitudes
c. mores
d.platitudes
e.nebulas

5. A life-long vegetarian, Xiomara _____ when she learned that the sauce she'd just eaten was made with chicken broth.

a. wavered
b.blanched

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c. coalesced
d.stagnated
e.thwarted

6. At the beginning of the ceremony, the high school band _____ the arrival of the graduates by playing the alma mater loudly and with enthusiasm.

a. decried
b.heralded
c. permeated
d.conjured
e.thwarted

327. Although Sophie was afraid of heights, she seemed to have no _____ about driving over bridges.

a. enormity
b.qualms
c. imminence
d.resurrection
e.severity

8. I will write a rough draft of the proposal, and then you can edit it for any _____ material so that it is as convincing and concise as possible.

a. grandiose
b.incontrovertible
c. extraneous
d.abysmal
e.pensive

9. I had to call the repairman because the washing machine was off _____— it began making terrible sounds and failed to clean the clothes thoroughly.

a. detriment
b.preferment
c. prevision
d.kilter
e.quandary

10. Monika finally _____ to her sister's constant barrage of questions and revealed the identity of her new boyfriend.

a. reiterated

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b.succumbed
c. seceded
d.reneged
e.retaliated

331. The meeting is _____; everyone must attend.

a. palatable
b.compulsory
c. reciprocal
d.resilient
e.ancillary

12. Through the _____ act of volunteering, it is possible to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

a. dilatory
b.insurmountable
c. diligent
d.rapacious
e.noble

13. The proposed design includes many _____ features that are not functional and can be eliminated to cut costs.

a. jovial
b.germane
c. kinetic
d.nonchalant
e.extrinsic

14. Kavita's _____ spending on shoes and clothing caused her parents a great deal of concern because she was no longer saving money for college.

a. monotypic
b.inconsistent
c. perfunctory
d.immoderate
e.specious

15. The cop was in a _____: Should he chase the criminal or help the victim?

a. quandary
b.litany

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c. tatter
d.discord
e.plethora

16. The professor studied the _____ physics of ballet dancers and even published a study on the topic of dancers and movement.

a. creditable
b.kinetic
c. symbolic
d.prevalent
e.monotonous

17. Kapil was able to _____ the difficulties of an uncooperative staff, an impossible deadline, and a complicated project in order to present the report to the client.

a. surmount
b.dismount
c. retract
d.expel
e.intercede

18. Piru's _____ manner fit in well with the atmosphere of the posh country club.

a. untoward
b.riotous
c. mundane
d.salacious
e.urbane

19. Aniket tried his _____ on the wrong person, and it has finally landed him in jail.

a. clemency
b.jocularity
c. calamity
d.obsolescence
e.chicanery

20. There were several _____ buildings on the street, making it difficult for Monika to determine which one was the dentist's office.

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a. nondescript
b.transient
c. impervious
d.zealous
e.impressionable

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1. b. To disseminate (v.) means to scatter widely, diffuse, spread abroad.

2. d. Knell (n.) is the sound of a bell ringing slowly for a funeral or death.

3. c. Stringent (adj.) means rigid, strict, or exacting.

4. b. Vicissitudes (n.) means a change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances.

5. b. To blanch (v.) means to turn pale, as if in fear; to take the color from, whiten.

6. b. To herald (v.) is to proclaim or announce; to foreshadow.

7. b. A qualm (n.) is a sudden or disturbing feeling.

8. c. Extraneous (adj.) means not vital or essential; not pertinent or relevant; coming from the outside or an outside source.

9. d. Kilter (n.) is order or good condition.

10. b. To succumb (v.) means to give in, cease to resist.

11. b. Compulsory (adj.) means obligatory, mandatory, required.

12. e. Noble (adj.) means having high, selfless moral standards; of excellent character.

13. e. Extrinsic (adj.) means not forming an essential part of a thing, extraneous; originating from the outside, external.

14. d. Immoderate (adj.) means excessive or extreme; exceeding reasonable limits.

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15. a. A quandary (n.) is a difficult situation.

16. b. Kinetic (adj.) means pertaining to motion or caused by motion.

17. a. To surmount (v.) means to overcome by force of will.

18. e. Urbane (adj.) means characterized by refined manners; elegant or sophisticated.

19. e. Chicanery (n.) is trickery or sophistry used to deceive someone (especially to extract money).

20. a. Nondescript (adj.) means lacking any distinctive characteristics.

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1. Inflated by his fans' _____, Eklvya lost sense of his small-town roots and began traveling with an entourage.

a. inconstancy
b.insolence
c. haughtiness
d.sufferance
e.idolatry

2. To _____ a congressional bill, the president must use his official seal on all documents.

a. nullify
b.patronize
c. victimize
d.ratify
e.mollify

3. The drama workshop's efforts _____ in the final production of a play written, directed, and acted by the students for the entire school.

a. finalized
b.languished
c. teemed
d.discerned
e.culminated

4. There is no way around it: plagiarism is _____ to thievery.

a. tantamount
b.apathetic
c. fatuous
d.unscrupulous
e.indecisive

5. For _____ deeds during her mission overseas, Tina was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

a. inept
b.valorous
c. erroneous

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d.malodorous

e.benign

6. Arun read the employee manual so that he might _____ himself with his new responsibilities at the company.

a. relinquish

b.synthesize

c. orient

d.validate

e.motivate

7. I am _____ of the problems that this solution will cause, but I still believe that this is the best possible solution.

a. innocuous

b.cognizant

c. precipitous

d.reminiscent

e.belligerent

8. The spectacular presentation by a rainforest adventurer _____ Sunil with the desire to travel to South America to see the jungles for himself.

a. disheartened

b.inhibited

c. imbued

d.reconstituted

e.abhorred

9. When the minister's popularity suffered in the polls, he _____ his decision to raise taxes.

a. recanted

b.pulverized

c. enveloped

d.detracted

e.extenuated

10. Because of the _____ of reliable information, Quentin's report was comprised mostly of speculation.

a. dearth

b.diatribe

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c. myriad
d.juxtaposition
e.tirade

11. Teachers should not only be knowledgeable but also _____; students should feel comfortable approaching them with questions
or problems.
a. wheedling
b.patronizing
c. laconic
d.affable
e.frugal

12. The pain medication Kiyara received after surgery offered relief; however, the overwhelming feeling of _____ was an unexpected side effect, and she didn't like being groggy.
a. extortion
b.compellation
c. acquisition
d.affirmation
e.lethargy

13. The ski lodge had a window that looked out upon a beautiful mountain _____.
a. vista
b.melee
c. fray
d.foray
e.frieze

14. The palace's great hall was rich in history and splendor, the walls hung with _____ tapestries.
a. mellifluous
b.malleable
c. prudent
d.illusive
e.ornate

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15. After weeks of heavy rains, the earth gave way; mud and trees _____ down the mountain swallowing cars and houses in their path.

a. ascended
b.inculcated
c. aspersed
d.hurtled
e.entreated

16. The _____ butter had been left in the refrigerator for years.

a. complacent
b.scandalous
c. riveting
d.dire
e.rancid

17. Several weeks of extremely hot, dry weather _____ the land, so instead of rowing across a river, we walked across a cracked, parched riverbed.

a. oscillated
b.desiccated
c. subverted
d.coalesced
e.thwarted

18. The pitcher's _____ workout regimen was the most grueling of all his teammates, and he never took a day off.

a. Spartan
b.spasmodic
c. exclusive
d.turgid
e.truculent

19. Eklvya's responses when he spoke on the telephone were _____ and he nearly always made his customers think he was rude.

a. receptive
b.laconic
c. uncanny
d.suave
e.ponderous

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20. I was bored with the _____ conversation of my roommates and longed for some intellectual stimulation.

a. egregious
b.pronounced
c. vapid
d.intriguing
e.exonerating

Solutions

1. e. Idolatry (n.) is excessive reverence or adoration; the worship of idols.

2. d. To ratify (v.) means to make valid.

3. e. To culminate (v.) is to come to completion, end; to reach the highest point or degree, climax.

4. a. Tantamount (adj.) means equal to; having equal or equivalent value in terms of seriousness.

5. b. Valorous (adj.) means courageous, valiant.

6. c. To orient (v.) means to acquaint (oneself) with the existing situation or environment; determine one's position with reference to new ideas.

7. b. Cognizant (adj.) means fully knowledgeable or informed, conscious, aware.

8. c. To imbue (v.) is to inspire or pervade with ideas or feelings; to saturate with color; to permeate.

9. a. To recant (v.) means to renounce formally; to withdraw a former belief as erroneous.

10. a. Dearth (n.) means a severe shortage or scarce supply, especially of food; a lack of, insufficient quantity.

11. d. Affable (adj.) means easy and pleasant to speak to, approachable;

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friendly, warm, gracious.

12. e. Lethargy(n.) is the state of drowsiness or sluggish inactivity.

13. a. Vista (n.) means a view or prospect.

14. e. Ornate (adj.) means richly and artistically finished or stylized.

15. d. To hurtle (v.) is to rush with great speed; to move violently with great noise; to fling forcefully.

16. e. Rancid (adj.) means rotten or putrid.

17. b. To desiccate (v.) means to dry out thoroughly, become dry; to make dry, dull, or lifeless.

18. a. Spartan (adj.) means rigorously severe (from the Greek citystate Sparta known for its austere and rigid lifestyle); marked by strict self-discipline; characteristically simple or frugal.

19. b. Laconic (adj.) means curt, concise, but expressing much in a few words; brief and to the point.

20. c. Vapid (adj.) means dull, lacking life, sprit or substance; tedious.

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1. Nakul's fear was _____ as he watched the 60-foot waves approach his little boat.

a. futile
b.genteel
c. innovative
d.palpable
e.detrimental

2. Moving swiftly and gracefully through the backyard, the cat suddenly _____ when she hit the thorny bush.

a. recoiled
b.recuperated
c. invigorated
d.fabricated
e.throttled

3. Although others were fooled by "Doctor" Winston's speech, Leela knew him for what he was: a(n) _____.

a. panacea
b.charlatan
c. prevarication
d.accolade
e.primadonna

4. The task of building the cabin was a _____ one, but Ravi was up to the challenge.

a. laborious
b.venerable
c. archaic
d.cynical
e.unbiased

5. After the neighbor's stereo woke her up for the fifth night in a row, Babita felt _____ to complain.

a. impelled
b.rebuked

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c. augmented
d.implicated
e.destined

6. Carter is writing a letter of recommendation that I can include in my _____ for prospective employers.

a. denunciation
b.panacea
c. dossier
d.incantation
e.restitution

7. _____ laughter came from the upstairs apartment where Trang was having a graduation party.

a. Scurrilous
b.Deleterious
c. Fatuous
d.Uproarious
e.Malicious

8. In the middle of his eloquent _____, the audience suddenly broke into applause.

a. ovation
b.oration
c. inclination
d.provocation
e.illusion

9. I like the _____ style of these essays; they make complex issues accessible by presenting them in everyday language.

a. colloquial
b.obsolete
c. pristine
d.exacting
e.furtive

10. A diamond ring is the _____ symbol of love and affection.

a. precocious
b.fugacious

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c. supplemental
d.quintessential
e.barbarous

11. Ajay's _____ distanced him from his family, but he was still unwilling to apologize.

a. regeneration
b.contingency
c. equivalence
d.impenitence
e.innovation

12. Nothing will _____ my memory of the night we first met; the images are forever burned in my mind.

a. appease
b.undulate
c. inculcate
d.efface
e.truncate

13. With the curtains drawn back, the room was _____ with warm sunlight.

a. recessed
b.intruded
c. suffused
d.belied
e.taut

14. The devastating drought forced the _____ tribes of the rainforest to leave their homes and venture into the modern world.

a. indigenous
b.puritanical
c. indigent
d.imminent
e.munificent

15. Jasvinder's _____ approach to management included narrowing the salary gap between the CEOs and office workers.

a. stoic
b.apathetic

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c. utilitarian
d.endemic
e.proactive

16. If people continue to _____ the rainforests, soon they will disappear from the earth.

a. dominate
b.frolic
c. laminate
d.neglect
e.provoke

17. My parents always seem to worry and _____ more about money when tax season is approaching.

a. proximate
b.quibble
c. supplicate
d.dabble
e.alienate

18. While the king and the members of his court lived in the most opulent luxury, the peasants in his kingdom lived in the most _____ poverty.

a. abject
b.incessant
c. relinquished
d.erratic
e.lugubrious

19. Samantha had an _____ trust in her grandfather, who was an honorable man and kind to everyone he met.

a. implicit
b.insecure
c. irreverent
d.irresolute
e.astringent

20. Aakash searched the forest around his campsite for small branches to _____ the fire, so he could eventually cook his dinner.

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a. stifle
b.kindle
c. suppress
d.dissipate
e.prohibit

Solutions

1. d. Palpable (adj.) means tangible, noticeable; easily perceived and detected.

2. a. To recoil (v.) means to jump back suddenly.

3. b. A charlatan (n.) is someone who makes elaborate, fraudulent claims to having certain skills or knowledge; a quack, imposter, fraud.

4. a. Laborious (adj.) means characterized by hard work, exertion, or perseverance.

5. a. To impel (v.) is to motivate; push or drive forward; propel.

6. c. A dossier (n.) is a collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject.

7. d. Uproarious (adj.) means noisy.

8. b. An oration (n.) is a formal speech for a special occasion.

9. a. Colloquial (adj.) means characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational.

10. d. Quintessential (adj.) is the best and purest part of a thing; the most typical example of a thing.

11. d. Impenitence (n.) is the trait of refusing to repent; unwilling to show regret for wrongdoing.

12. d. To efface (v.) means to rub out, erase; to cause to dim or make indistinct; to make or conduct oneself inconspicuously.

13. c. To suffuse (v.) means to cover or fill the surface of, as in to fill with light.

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14. a. Indigenous (adj.) means originating or being native to a specific region or country; also inherent or natural.

15. c. Utilitarian (adj.) means related to the ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or beneficial to the greatest number of people.

16. d. To neglect (v.) means to be careless about; to fail to care for or to do; to be remiss about.

17. b. To quibble (v.) means to find fault or criticize for petty reasons.

18. a. Abject (adj.) means wretched, degraded, debased; of the most contemptible or miserable kind; showing utter resignation or humiliation, groveling, servile.

19. a. Implicit (adj.) means unquestioning or trusting without doubt; understood rather than directly stated; implied.

20. b. Kindle (v.) means to cause to burn with flames; to ignite; to set on fire.

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1. Although I meant it as a compliment, Zak _____ my remark as an insult.

a. construed
b.eradicated
c. truncated
d.permeated
e.redacted

2. The sailor's _____ complexion bespoke his many sunny days at the lookout post.

a. swarthy
b.syncopated
c. pallid
d.wan
e.pasty

3. Tanya is a _____ person, trusted by all who know her.

a. porous
b.voracious
c. spurious
d.specious
e.veracious

4. After the third relative was hired to an upper-level position, several people quit the company, claiming that _____ caused a decline in employee morale.

a. carrion
b.explicitness
c. skepticism
d.devotion
e.nepotism

5. Ganesh's stunning debut performance at the city opera has earned her _____ from some of the city's toughest critics.

a. antipathy
b.insinuations
c. destitution

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d.lamentations
e.accolades

6. The shaggy neon couch was a(n) _____ in the conservative room decorated with earth tones.

a. incongruity
b.insinuation
c. temerity
d.reiteration
e.intonation

7. Harris tried to _____ his fear of flying when he boarded the plane, but he could not curb his anxiety.

a. accelerate
b.expound
c. maximize
d.employ
e.repress

8. Gabi found that whenever she was confused about an idea or issue, writing about it would help _____ her true feelings.

a. vacillate
b.elucidate
c. wheedle
d.deprecate
e.indoctrinate

9. After the powerful windstorm, Marie discovered a splintered and fallen tree limb had _____ the vinyl lining of her swimming pool.

a. extenuated
b.calculated
c. retaliated
d.lacerated
e.curtailed

10. Johnny's good behavior in class yesterday was _____ by his disruptive outbursts in Math this morning.

a. abated
b.negated

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c. reiterated
d.mandated
e.nominated

11. Jason and Joshua made _____ plans to meet in the cafeteria to study for the test, provided Jason's class ended on time.

a. beguiling
b.tenuous
c. assured
d.tentative
e.promotional

12. The professor's lectures were filled with excessive _____, lasting much longer than was necessary to convey his ideas.

a. verbiage
b.herbage
c. maliciousness
d.portent
e.intrigue

13. Ming's blatant lie revealed that he suffered no _____ about being dishonest to his parents.

a. compunction
b.repudiation
c. vindication
d.evanescence
e.veracity

14. Deepika, always teasing, was known for her _____ , but as a result, nobody knew when to take her seriously.

a. jocularity
b.servitude
c. logic
d.austerity
e.inclemency

15. "Absolute power corrupts absolutely," said Haines. "There is no such thing as a(n) _____ who is not a corrupt and cruel ruler."

a. imbroglio

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b.pedant
c. despot
d.agnostic
e.archetype

16. During his _____ in office the mayor made several controversial decisions about city planning.

a. treatise
b.integration
c. teem
d.flout
e.tenure

17. Recovering from the tragedy, Helena found the _____ sunrise reassuring, as it gave her something to rely on each and every morning.

a. hidden
b.clairvoyant
c. cognizant
d.deft
e.quotidian

18. Flaws in Claire's opponent's chess game showed him to be _____, and Claire knew her victory was assured.

a. predatory
b.indistinguishable
c. ornery
d.vincible
e.resolute

19. The ad didn't mention a specific salary; it just said "compensation _____ with experience."

a. compulsory
b.manifest
c. prolific
d.commensurate
e.precluded

20. The _____ she felt for shopping made it impossible for her to walk by a sale window without stopping.

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a. providence
b.blunder
c. omission
d.repulsion
e.estrus

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1. a. To construe (v.) is to interpret or understand; to make sense of, explain the meaning of.

2. a. Swarthy (adj.) means having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.

3. e. Veracious (adj.) means truthful, honest; habitually disposed to speak the truth.

4. e. Nepotism (n.) is favoritism for kin when conferring jobs, offices, or privileges.

5. e. An accolade (n.) is an award or special acknowledgement signifying approval or distinction.

6. a. Incongruity (n.) is the quality of being inappropriate or unbecoming; not consistent in character.

7. e. To repress (v.) means to keep under or restrain; to curb or subdue.

8. b. To elucidate (v.) means to make clear or manifest; to free from confusion or ambiguity.

9. d. To lacerate (v.) is to rip, tear, or mangle.

10. b. To negate (v.) means to nullify, invalidate, or deny.

11. d. Tentative (adj.) means provisional or uncertain; not fixed or set.

12. a. Verbiage (n.) means the use of many words without necessity.

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13. a. Compunction (n.) means a feeling of uneasiness or regret caused by a sense of guilt, remorse; a pang of conscience at the thought or act of committing a misdeed.

14. a. Jocularity (n.) is the state of being jocular, which is characterized by joking or jesting.

15. c. A despot (n.) is someone who rules with absolute power; a dictator or tyrant.

16. e. Tenure (n.) means the term during which a thing is held; often used in connection with career positions.

17. e. Quotidian (adj.) means occurring or returning daily.

18. d. Vincible (adj.) means conquerable, capable of being defeated or subdued.

19. d. Commensurate (adj.) means corresponding in size, degree, or extent; proportionate.

20. e. An estrus (n.) is an irresistible impulse or passion.

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1. Though a rate cut was a __________ conclusion ahead of the monetary policy announcement, the __________ was of either a 25 or 50 basis points one.

A. accustomed, experience
B. foregone, expectation
C. forest, explanation
D. earnest, exposition
E. None of the above

2. Arguably, the __________ for fiscal concessions is limited given the overall revenue scenario, but the government can certainly push for further __________ to incentivise investment.

A. spectacular, terminal
B. space, reforms
C. surety, radio
D. function, yield
E. None of the above

3. In a country as __________ as India, it is impossible to ensure that vegetarian and non-vegetarian preferences are __________ into delivery logistics.

A. reverse, faced
B. reticent, feared
C. diverse, factored
D. recess, fused
E. None of the above

4. Delivery partners are __________ made to understand the practical __________ of the job as they choose to enter the workforce.

A. unilaterally, bright
B. universally, term
C. slowly, repetition
D. unequivocally, nature
E. None of the above

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5. This would be _____________ by a weak phase of the monsoon when rains get _____________ to the foothills of the Himalayas.

A. fared, controlled

B. fought, cared

C. fraught, determined

D. followed, confined

E. None of the above

6. In a _____________ to the exchanges, the company said it intends to _____________ the date of submission of the Q1 results.

A. fascination, explain

B. fare, exploit

C. filing, extend

D. firm, utilize

E. None of the above

7. Rising gold prices over the last few months have been _____________ hitting demand in large consumer _____________ for jewellery including China and India.

A. oeturned, makers

B. observed, markets

C. assumed, dices

D. sent, directions

E. None of the above

8. Though Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested that a _____________ of rate cuts may not happen, Trump's action against China in the last few days are suggesting that more rate cuts from the Fed can't be _____________ out.

A. series, ruled

B. herd, ruined

C. scheme, resisted

D. status, retained

E. None of the above

9. This means that rate level is still below _____________ inflation rate of 4 per cent with 2 per cent movement in both the _____________ .

A. tackled, dimensions

B. terming, destination
C. targeted, directions
D. charming, tragedy
E. None of the above

10. RTO officials have taken _____________ of the video and plan a massive drive from this week to _____________ out the rogues.

A. cognizance, weed
B. concern, figure
C. action, single
D. issue, fight
E. note, remove

11. It was very cold outside, and the fire we lit was dimming down; hence I decided to _____________ it a bit.

A. soak
B. strike
C. stoke
D. increase
E. All of the above

12. Yesterday, the villagers caught a burglar _____________ a bottle of oil from the community hall.

A. embezzling
B. frauding
C. swindling
D. pilfering
E. looting

13. The police commissioner condemned the _____________ murder and vowed to apprehend the wrongdoers within a fortnight.

A. grisly
B. gruesome
C. ghastly
D. horrifying
E. All of the above

14. The rotten smell was so _____________ that she became unconscious then and there and had to be hospitalized.

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A. revolting
B. gratifying
C. captivating
D. unappealing
E. All of the above

15. The ____________ apparition stalked Reshma for days and ultimately threw her off the cliff.

A. vindictive
B. benevolent
C. magnanimous
D. callous
E. All of the above.

16. Single-use plastic refers to the entire class of items that are used once and then ____________ of.

A. thought
B. excluded
C. abandoned
D. disposed
E. removed

17. Banks should be left free to set their lending rates, in ____________ with their cost of funds and market conditions, apart from borrower profile.

A. lending
B. meeting
C. settling
D. positively
E. Accordance

18. It will make a bad economic situation marginally ____________ and, perhaps, even create a black market in certain articles.

A. good
B. worse
C. better
D. weaker
E. stronger

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19. Right now, the concern is about banks not lowering their lending rates fast enough, _____________ the repo rate has been coming down.

A. because

B. since

C. although

D. from

E. through

20. India's problem is not the paucity of traffic rules and regulations but a general _____________ for them.

A. insistence

B. absence

C. allocation

D. disregard

E. None of these

Solutions

1. According to the context of the sentence it is regarding the decision taken by the RBI to cut the policy rate in order to control the economy of the country. It is said that the rate cut was anyway going to happen but at the same time the expectation was only for a 25 or 50 bps cut by the apex bank. The RBI has taken some other decision and has taken the market by surprise. Among the given words, we can use the pair in B since both the words are correct according to the given context of the blanks in the sentence. In other cases, the words will not fit in the given blanks.
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

2. According to the given context, it is regarding the fact that the revenue scenario of the country is not going to ensure that further fiscal concessions will be possible but one thing that can be done is to incentivize the investment by the government. That will be the best way forward for our economy. Among the given words in options, the pair in Option B will fit in both the blanks in the given sentence whereas the rest are not correct as per the context of the sentence.

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This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given context of the sentence it is regarding the fact that the vegetarian and non-veg food items cannot be delivered separately in India and the reason given is that India is a very diverse country with so many people with so many choices. There are various types of people and they are so different. Among the given options, the pair of words in Option C will fit in both the blanks to imply that India is a diverse country and the choice of food items by people cannot be factored in delivery logistics by the online food delivery companies. Other words in the options are not correct as per the context of the sentence and can be eliminated from consideration.
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

4. According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the delivery partners need to be aware of the practical nature of the job and they join the workforce once they accept the same. That is why it is made a point to them to understand what they have to do and then only they are allowed to enter the workforce. Among the given options, the words in Option D give us the correct pair of words that will fit in the given blanks. Other words do not fit in the blanks and can be eliminated.
This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

5. According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the present phase would come with another phase of weak monsoon during which the rains are within the foothills of the Himalayas. It is stated that the present phase would be followed by a weak phase of monsoon during which the rains get confined to the hills. Coming to the given options, we can only choose Option D since it provides us the correct implication of the given sentence in both the cases. Other words are irrelevant in the context of the sentence.
This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

6. As per the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the company has decided to do something regarding the Q1 results of the

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company. The company has also informed the same to the exchanges as per the requirement of the regulatory authority. Now for the first blank we can see that filing can be used as the company must have filed something in the exchanges whereas the second blank should be perfect for the word extend. Other words are not relevant in the context of the sentence.
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

7. According to the given context, it is regarding the fact that the gold prices in the last few months have been on the rise because of the increasing demand in the global markets. The markets such as India and China are actually fuelling this demand and that is why the prices are on the rise in the global market. Among the given options, we can see that Option B can be perfect in this context since both the words here will give us the correct implication of the given statement. The rest are not relevant and hence ruled out from consideration.
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

8. According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the Fed is not for further rate cuts in the economy but the tension between USA and China is suggesting that the Fed may not have any other option but to go for rate cuts in the future as well. There should be a number of such rate cut decisions coming in the future. Coming to the given options, we can see that Option A gives us the correct implication of the given sentence whereas the rest can be ruled out for being out of context here.
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

9. According to the context of the given sentence we are saying that the inflation rate is within the targeted inflation range and nothing is there to worry about the same. The statements is also regarding the fact that it is expected to move in both the directions here. Among the given options, we can see that only C gives us the correct words for both the blanks in the sentence whereas the rest can be eliminated for being irrelevant in the context of the sentence.
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

10. Option B: ‘Taken *concern’* is grammatically wrong and does not fit.
Option C: *Action* should be followed by ‘on’ and not ‘of’ so even this option is ruled out. Option D: The correct phrase is *taken issue with the video* which means *to have a problem with* the video. Hence this is incorrect.
Option E: This option may appear correct, but the word remove is self-sufficient and does not need to be followed by ‘out’.
Option A: *To take cognizance* means to *take notice of something*. *Weed out* means *to take out or remove something*.
Hence, option A is the right answer.

11. “Stoke” means “add coal or other solid fuel to (a fire, furnace, boiler, etc.)”.
The word “stoke” fits the blank perfectly.
“Soak” and “strike” do not make any sense here either grammatically or contextually.
“Soak” means make or allow (something) to become thoroughly wet by immersing it in liquid
“Strike” means hit forcibly and deliberately with one's hand or a weapon or other implement
“Increase” may also fit the blank, but “stoke” is more appropriate in the given context.
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

12. “Embezzling” means misappropriating/**stealing of funds** placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer. Hence, it does not fit the context properly. The word ‘frauding’ is incorrect. “Fraud” is a noun; ‘-ing’ cannot be added to it. Hence, it can also be eliminated. “Swindling” means ‘**use deception** to deprive (someone) of money or possessions’. It also does not fit the context properly. “Looting” means ‘steal goods from (a place), typically during a war or riot”. It also does not fit the context aptly. “Pilfering” means ‘stealing things **of little value’**. As, ‘a bottle of oil’ can be considered a thing **of not much value**, ‘pilfering’ fits the blank appropriately. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

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13. All of the given words mean the same thing: 'causing horror / extremely shocking/ causing great horror or fear/ terror'.
All of them fit perfectly in the given blank both contextually and grammatically.
Hence, option E is the correct answer.

14. Rotten smell is never pleasant. Besides, 'she' became unconscious smelling it. So, the smell was not pleasing for sure.
The words 'gratifying' and 'captivating' are synonymous with 'pleasing'.
Hence, these words can be eliminated.
"Unappealing" is not a very strong word and consequently won't fit here. The context demands a very strong word as 'she' became 'unconscious' smelling the rotten odour.
Only "revolting" fits the blank appropriately both contextually and grammatically.
"Revolting" means causing intense disgust; disgusting
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

15. The apparition (=ghost) that stalked Reshma for days, ultimately threw her off the cliff. So, 'benevolent' and magnanimous' won't fit the blank as these are positive words.
"Benevolent" means well-meaning and kindly
"Magnanimous" means generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person
"Callous" means indifferent/ showing or having an insensitive disregard. It does not make any sense in the given context, and hence, can be eliminated
Only 'vindictive' fits the blank appropriately.
"Vindictive" means having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge/ revengeful
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

16. The presence of the preposition 'of' after the blank eliminates options B, C and E.
Option A is contextually incorrect.

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'Disposed of' makes the sentence correct both grammatically and contextually. Option D is hence the correct option.

17. The presence of the prepositions 'in' and 'with' before and after the blank respectively indicates that the correct phrase to be used here is 'in accordance with' which means 'in a way that agrees with or follows something'.
'Accordance' makes the sentence correct both grammatically and contextually. Option E is hence the correct option.

18. The presence of a 'bad economic situation' indicates that the statement has a negative tone. Further, the word 'marginally' before the blank indicates that the answer should be in comparative form.
The word 'worse' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct .
Option B is hence the correct option.

19. Carefully studying the sentence fragments before and after the blank, it can be concluded that they should be joined by a conjunction which means in spite of the fact that.
The conjunction 'although' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct.
Option C is hence the correct option.

20. The blank is a reason of the 'problem' and hence it should be a negative word. This word should also be one that can be followed by the preposition 'for'.
The word 'disregard' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct.
Option D is hence the correct option.

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1. There has been ___________ interest among retail investors in ETF, thanks to the underperformance of the actively-managed large-cap equity funds.

A. Decreased
B. Increased
C. Determined
D. Fragment
E. None of the above

2. Since you can sell units only on the stock exchange, it is ___________ that there are buyers and you get a good price.

A. Instant
B. Imperative
C. Ratification
D. Genuine
E. None of the above

3. Buying a home is one of the most ___________ financial decisions we need to take.

A. Important
B. Impatient
C. Honest
D. Drastic
E. None of the above

4. Mortgage or home loan ___________ is essentially a life policy that covers the borrower against the non-payment of loan in case of his / her death.

A. Institution
B. Function
C. Insurance
D. Rate
E. None of the above

5. To keep tabs on high-value cash withdrawals, the Budget has ___________ banks to levy TDS on withdrawals in excess of Rs. 1 crore.

A. Encouraged
B. Empowered

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C. Decided
D. Demonstrated
E. None of the above

6. The tax department has been stepping up its ___________ of your financial activities and it has also been making compliance easy.

A. Terminating
B. Guiding
C. Dressing
D. Monitoring
E. None of the above

7. The agricultural power supplies were _____________ to six hours a day and largely to late nights.

A. Limited
B. Rectified
C. Subscribed
D. Abolished
E. None of the above

8. But the fear of a depleting water table should not be a _____________ for shunning the solar pump scheme.

A. Brilliance
B. Right
C. Reason
D. Composure
E. None of the above

9. This is because of high procurement costs under the scheme _____________ run by the state government.

A. Presently
B. Rationally
C. Terminally
D. Warily
E. None of the above

10. Urging the officials to be _____________ in tackling the flood situation, he said the communication networks play a major role during the time of crisis.

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A. Predictive
B. Proactive
C. Detrimental
D. Curious
E. None of the above

11. You should not ____________ the streets with rubbish; you should treat the public space the same way you would treat your own home.

I. garbage
II. loiter
III. litter
A. Only I
B. Only II
C. Only III
D. Only I and III
E. I, II and III

12. In the ancient times, remaining alone was dangerous as ____________ animals could easily attack its solitary prey.

I. domesticated
II. wild
III. herbivorous
A. Only I B. Only II C. Only II and III D. Only I and II E. I, II and IIIt

13. India has strengthened its cellular internet connectivity in the recent years, and it is a milestone in its ____________ rise in the global stage.

I. meteoric
II. stagnating
III. monetary
A. Only I
B. Only I and III
C. Only II and III
D. Only I and II
E. I, II and III

14. People of different communities should not harbor grudge against each other, rather, they should celebrate fellow-feeling and ____________ amongst each other.

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I. friendship
II. fraternity
III. brotherhood
A. Only I
B. Only I and III
C. Only II and III
D. Only I and II
E. I, II and III

15. Change in weather patterns is a definitive signal that climate change is not the _____________ of paranoid scientists, but a very real phenomenon.

I. drivel
II. prattle
III. warnings
A. Only I
B. Only II
C. Only III
D. Only I and II
E. Only II and III

16. Several members of the film and theatre fraternity _____________ his house on Monday as well as on Tuesday morning to mourn his death.

I. Thronged
II. Flocked
III. Hosted
A. Both I and II
B. Only I
C. Only III
D. Both II and III
E. All I, II and III

17. Children from States like Bihar, Assam and West Bengal are usually found, and they are _____________ and reunited with their families or sent to children's homes.

I. Rescued
II. Saved
III. Retrieved

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A. Both II and III
B. Only II
C. Both I and II
D. Only III
E. All I, II and III

18. The government is taking several measures to _____________ parents to admit their children in schools instead of sending them for jobs.

I. Motivate
II. Encourage
II. Persuade
A. Both I and II
B. Both II and III
C. Only III
D. All I, II and III
E. None of I, II and III

19. Virat Kohli _____________ the world record of being the fastest to score 11,000 one-day international runs, in the last match.

I. Functioned
II. Achieved
III. Cared
A. Both I and III
B. Only II
C. Both II and III
D. Both I and II
E. All I, II and III

20. Scientist have _____________ an algorithm that helps robot avoid collisions by accurately calculating what path a human is going to take.

I. Determined
II. Fragmented
III. Riled
A. Both II and III
B. Only III
C. Both I and III
D. Both I and II

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E. None of I, II and III

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1. According to the context of the sentence we are saying that the large cap funds have not been able to perform properly in the recent times and that is why the retail investors must have been interested in the ETF segment. Obviously the retail participation must have seen an increase as per the second part of the given sentence. Therefore among the given words we can use *increased* to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningful and correct. Other words fail to imply the intended meaning and that is why they are eliminated.
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

2. In the given context we can see that we are talking about the selling options of the ETF and they can be sold only in the stock exchanges. That will imply there will be buyers and obviously the sellers will get a very good price. This is the main implication of the given sentence. Among the given words we can only use the word *imperative* to imply the intended meaning of the given sentence. *Ratification* means *confirming something.*
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given context we can see that we are talking about the decision to purchase a home and it is one of the most important and significant decisions in the financial life of a person. Among the given options, we can use the word *important* to fill the blank and make the sentence meaningful. Other words are irrelevant and can be eliminated from consideration.
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

4. In the given context we are talking about something that will cover against any default in the home loans in case of untimely death of the borrowers. It is going to be a cover against any kind of unforeseen circumstances during the currency of the loan. Only insurance cover will be able to cover against such

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issues. Therefore, the correct word would be *insurance* whereas the rest cannot be used since they do not imply the correct meaning of the given sentence.
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

5. It is clear from the context of this sentence that the government has put forward in the budget a proposal that will discourage cash transactions in the high value segment. The banks will be able to penalize the customers doing so going forward. The weapon given to the banks is the implementation of TDS on high value cash transactions. Among the given words, we can use the word *empowered* to indicate that the banks have been enabled to impose tax on cash transactions. Other words are eliminated because they do not imply the intended meaning.
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

6. It is clear from the given context that we are talking about the efforts of the Income Tax Department to keep a tab on the financial transactions of the taxpayers and also it is making the compliance portion by the taxpayers easier. It is because of the fact that there is no tax evasion by the people of the country. Coming to the given words, we can only use the word *monitoring* to indicate the intended implication of the given sentence. Other words cannot imply the correct meaning of the given sentence and they should be eliminated from consideration.
This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

7. According to the given context we can see that the electricity supply in the area is limited to particular hours of the day and also the main time of electricity supply is during the late nights. It is clear that the supply is not there always and there is restriction regarding the supply. Here we can see that only the word *limited* will be able to imply the intended meaning of the sentence whereas the rest will not fit here in the blank.
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

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8. According to the given context we are talking about the fact that water table in the place has decreased and that is obviously a cause of concern for the government but it is also a point that it should not deter the farmers from using the solar pumps in the region. Among the given words we can only use the word *reason* to imply the intended meaning of the sentence. Other words do not fit in the blank. This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

9. According to the given context of the sentence it is regarding the fact that the scheme is run by the overnment and the procurement costs are too high in this scheme and something is happening because of the high costs under this scheme. Among the given words we can see that *presently* can be used to indicate that the scheme is administered by the state government and the procurement costs are very high these days. Other words do not fit in the given context and can be eliminated.
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

10. According to the given context it is regarding the fact that the officials should take care of the flood situation by being very much proactive since they should not wait for something to happen first and then react to the same. There should be enough understanding of the possibilities since it will help in managing the show properly. Among the given words we can use the word *proactive* to imply that the officials should not be lethargic here. Other words do not fit in the context and can be eliminated from consideration. This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

11. Garbage: rubbish or waste, especially domestic refuse Loiter: stand or wait around without apparent purpose Litter: make (a place or area) untidy with rubbish or a large number of objects left lying about The blank demands a verb. “Garbage” is a noun. Hence, it gets eliminated. “Loiter” makes no sense in the given context. So, it also gets eliminated. Only ‘litter’ makes perfect sense in the blank both grammatically and contextually. It is also a verb. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

12. Domesticated: (of an animal) tame and kept as a pet or on a farm Herbivorous: (of an animal) feeding on plants "Domesticated" and "herbivorous" animals would not attack people. Even if they attack for some reason, they would not consider humans their 'prey'. Hence, these two words get eliminated. Only the word "wild" fits perfectly in the blank. "Wild" animals would consider humans as 'prey' and attack them too. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

13. Meteoric: (of the development of something) very rapid Stagnating: ceasing to develop; becoming inactive or dull. Monetary: relating to money or currency Meteoric fits perfectly in the blank. "Stagnation" and "rise" are two opposite words. "Stagnating" does not fit in the blank at all. It is not very clear how development in cellular internet connectivity can lead to economic/ financial growth. Further, the word 'monetary' does not sound very appropriate in the blank. Hence, it gets eliminated. Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

14. "Fellow-feeling" means 'sympathy and fellowship existing between people based on shared experiences or feelings'.

"Fellow-feeling" and the blank is connected by the connector 'and'. Hence the blank will take a word similar to the word 'fellow-feeling'.

Fraternity: friendship and mutual support within a group

"Fraternity", "friendship" and "brotherhood" are very similar to fellow-feeling. All the three words fit perfectly in the blank.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

15. 'Drivel' means: nonsense talk/ nonsense

'Prattle' means: talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way

These two words perfectly fit in the blank both grammatically and contextually.

But 'warnings' does not fit in the blank. "Paranoid" is a negative word. "Warnings" don't go well with 'paranoid' scientists. Logical scientists give 'warnings'. But the talks of 'paranoid' scientists can be considered 'drivel' or 'prattle'.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

16. According to the context of the sentence we are saying that a lot of people went to his house on two days and the word in the blank should represent that meaning.
Among the given words, *thronged* may be used here to indicate that a lot of people came to his house whereas *flocked* can also be used to indicate this meaning. *Hosted* cannot be used in this context due to the fact that it implies arranged an event or something. Hence III can be eliminated from consideration.
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

17. According to the given context we can understand that we are talking about children being rescued from the clutches of human trafficking agents and they are then reunited with their families.
Among the given words, *rescued* and *saved* can obviously be used to fill in the blank here whereas *retrieved* is not correct due to the fact it is not going with the context here as it is used to denote to get back or bring something back from somewhere.
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

18. According to the given context we are talking about the fact that the government is taking steps to make sure that the parents send their children to schools rather than sell them for jobs.
All the given words fit in the given context and therefore all of them are correct for the blank given.
This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

19. According to the given context we are saying that Virat Kohli became the fastest scoring batsman to reach the milestone of 11000 runs in the last match. It is obviously an achievement for him as a cricketer. Among the given words, we can definitely use *achieved* whereas the rest of the two words are not correct as per the given context. Hence they can be eliminated.
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

20. According to the given context we are saying that the scientists have discovered something that is going to understand the movement of the human beings.
Both the first two words are incorrect for the blank and therefore they can be eliminated given the context of the sentence. *Riled* means *making someone annoyed or irritated.* Hence this is also eliminated based on the context explained above. So, none of the given words fits in the given blank.
This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.

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1. I. The Programme _______ is radical because the exercise envisages a serious re-imagination of government and governance, and _______ cooperative federalism.

II. The book turned movie boasts of an ingeniously _______ production and _______ the original work, at times even surpassing it.

A. Perceived, lightens
B. conceived, deepens
C. Born, jokes
D. Conceptualized, satire
E. None of the above

2. I. India is a _______ after destination for medical tourism, but in the area of early screening and intervention it is still _______ behind, and early developmental screening is more the exception than the rule.

II. The minister interacted with the local residents and _______ their feedback on the developmental policies as he wanted to know why the district, which was a knowledge hub earlier, was presently _______ in crucial indicators of development.

A. Sought, lagging
B. Sort, moving
C. Wanted, crawling
D. Required, running
E. None of the above

3. I. The company has extensively invested resources to ensure the delivery of goods goes on _______ and also to develop an _______ service that incorporates various distribution channels in line with investors' preference.

II. From wheels to smart phones, technology has _______ transformed lives but it is high time modern technologies became _______ and stopped turning a blind eye to elderly users.

A. Suddenly, exclusive
B. Smooth, excluded
C. Brokenly, included
D. Seamlessly, inclusive

E. None of the above

4. I. The government has _______ over Rs 35,000 crore in cess for the welfare of construction workers employed in the high-risk and hazardous construction industry that is mostly _______ by private companies.

II. Chinese mobile phone maker Huawei said it never _______ or stored Facebook user data, after the social media giant acknowledged it gave access of data to such handset manufacturers albeit in a _______ way.

A. Taken, owned
B. Withdrawn, vague
C. Collected, controlled
D. Get, constricted
E. None of the above

5. I. Even though weather conditions were _______ for executing the project, sheer _______ coupled with a laidback attitude led to an opportunity being wasted.

II. The _______ treatment given to corporate agriculture and a culture of _______ and disregard for small farmers is killing India's agricultural sector, and killing the farmers themselves.

A. Bad, enthusiasm
B. good, energy
C. Habitual, shame
D. Favourable, negligence
E. None of the above

6. I. Apple's recently updated _______ for developers on its App Store would _______ apps from selling information collected from user's address book to other people.

II. Facebook has updated its advertising _______ to _______ ads for weapon accessories to users under the age of 18, the media reported

A. Rules, Prevent B. Policy, Prohibit C. Criteria, Protect
D. Interface, Allow E. None of the above.

7. I. A Minneapolis City Council committee will vote Tuesday on an _______ that would require companies to obtain a license to _______ the rental electric scooters in the city.

II. The government passed the first reading of an _______ to _______ the machines that will support major aspects of construction for the project.

A. Decision, Regulate
B. Order, Pass
C. Indictment, Issue
D. Ordinance, Operate
E. None of the above

8. I. President Trump says he is confident North Korean leader Kim Jong Un would _______ an agreement they reached last month to_______ denuclearization.

II. The students held a ceremony in _______ of their new professor who left engineering to _______ teaching.

A. Condemn, Follow
B. Honor, Pursue
C. End, Achieve
D. Reverence, Halt
E. None of the above

9. I. In the seventies, one school of thought believed that inflation was a _______ of class _______, or at least conflict between different sections of society for a share of the economic pie.

II. Corporations and wealthy individuals have more money to pour into political campaigns and as a _______ they get a better deal, while labor unions have far less because America's shift from farm to factory was accompanied by decades of bloody labor _______.

A. result, skirmish
B. consequence, conflict
C. outcome, struggle
D. reaction, dispute
E. None of the above

10. I. Today there are tens of millions of Indians living in _______ corners of the country who don't have access to some of the basic _______ city dwellers take for granted.

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II. Use of geo-spatial techniques like _______ sensing can be of immense help in identifying villages lacking in basic _______ and ensuring their all round development at micro-level.

A. isolated, facilities
B. distant, infrastructures
C. remote, amenities
D. inaccessible, utilities
E. None of the above

Direction (11-20): In each of the questions given below, a paragraph is given which has some blanks and those blanks have to be filled with the same word out of five words given below it. You have to choose that same word as your answer and fill up the blanks with that appropriate word.

11. You should not make any __________ remark against your colleagues since they are with you through thick and thin. If they also revert with any __________ comment you may not be able to tolerate it at your end. Therefore, it is in your own best interests that you should refrain from making __________ comment on anybody.

A. Docile
B. Destructive
C. Derogatory
D. Eccentric
E. None of the above

12. The way that he is progressing in life it can be said that he has quite a __________ future. If something is not done to correct this, nobody will be able to change this __________ picture that is being painted by him only. This can well be understood from the __________ look in the eyes of his parents and teachers.

A. Callous
B. Bleak
C. Earnest
D. Benevolent

E. None of the above

13. It is very important to __________ to rules and regulations in life if you want to achieve something. If you are a person who hates discipline and ***cannot __________ to any stupid set of norms, you should definitely opt for startup stints. There you will not have to __________ anything fixed and you can only focus on your performance.***

A. Attest
B. Adhere
C. Abate
D. Reject
E. None of the above

14. His concern for the affected children is so __________ that it can be understood without giving much thought. It is not his fault though because all his family members are __________ in all their dealings and they do not care much about anything in life. It is because of this __________ nature of his family that they have not got many friends in the neighbourhood.

A. Stupendous
B. Superficial
C. Substantial
D. Spurious
E. None of the above

15. __________ people hardly find it difficult to manage multiple things in life simultaneously but normal people suffer in such situations. That is one trait that makes the __________ persons different from the rest of the lot though other qualities also should be taken into account. That is why people are mostly envious of __________ people as they will never be able to match their caliber.

A. Lucid
B. Functional
C. Successful
D. Sterile
E. None of the above

16. The __________ between both the parties was signed by the representatives from the two leading firms. Most of the board members

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were in __________ with the proposal to merge the two companies for the purpose of survival. This __________ will pave the way for further development of the sector in the country.

A. Agreement
B. Custom
C. Victory
D. Ratification
E. None of the above

17. Nobody knew that such an __________ situation would arrive at the venue full with guests and celebrities. Everybody was giving __________ smile without understanding what to do next. The __________ situation was tackled very well by the hosts and the anchors present there without compromising much.

A. Authentic
B. Awkward
C. Earnest
D. Ideal
E. None of the above

18. We had a very __________ chat during the whole interview process but I fail to understand why they have not selected me. The panel members were very __________ in pointing out the fact that I would fit in their scheme of things perfectly. They even appreciated my __________ responses to all their questions.

A. Candid
B. Utility
C. Celebrated
D. Liberal
E. None of the above

19. There is no __________ that can stop a winner since the will to win is more important than anything. Any __________ coming in between you and your destination can be used as an experience. This experience will give you mental strength to face any such __________ in the future.

A. Abash
B. Adversity

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C. Axiom
D. Bewitching
E. None of the above

20. There is no point in harboring any kind of __________ against anybody for a long point of time. The __________ that you are holding against a person is actually holding you back. You need to understand that in order to be happy you should let certain things go and a long-pending __________ is one of them.

A. Gratitude
B. Hapless
C. Grudge
D. Glut
E. None of the above

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1. In the first blank, the only options that fit in are option B and D- *conceived* and *conceptualized*. However, *satire* meaning *spoof* does not make sense in either of the statements as the second blank. *Deepens* on the other hand is a perfect fit.
Hence, option B is the best fit here.

2. The correct phrase is *sought after* which means something in demand. The only option that fits in here is option A. Also, the second word also fits in well here and conveys the meaning that the movement has been less than expected.
Hence, option A is correct.

3. Option A: *Suddenly* does not fit in both while *exclusive* does not fit in the second statement. Option B: Both words are incorrect. Option C: *Brokenly* is the opposite of what is needed. Option D is correct with both words fitting in well. Hence, option D is correct.

4. Option A: Taken does not fit in the second statement. Owned also does not fit in the second statement.
Option B: Neither of the words fit in the second statement.
Option D: Get is grammatically incorrect.
Option C is correct with both words fitting in well.

Hence, option C is correct.

5. Option A: Both the words are opposite of what is needed the respective blanks. Option B: *energy* does not fit in both the statements. Option C: Both the words are irrelevant to the context and incorrect. Option D: Both the words are correct contextually and grammatically. Hence, option D is correct.

6. In the second blank, the only option that fits in is Prohibit. Policy is the perfect fit for the first blank also.

Hence, option B is correct.

7. In the first blank, the only options that fit in are options B and D- Order and Ordinance. Pass does not fit in the second blank in either of the sentences. Operate is the perfect fit for the second blank. Hence, Option D is the answer.

8. In the second blank, the only options that fit in are options A and B- Follow and Pursue. However, Condemn does not fit in the first blank of the second statement. Honor is the perfect fit for the first blank.

Hence, B is the answer.

9. Option A: *skirmish* does not fit in contextually in any of the sentences. Option C: *Outcome* does not fit contextually in the second statement. Option D: *reaction* does not fit in contextually in any of the sentences. Option B fits perfectly in both the statements. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

10. Option A: I*solated* does not fit contextually in the second statement. Option B: *Distant* does not fit contextually in the second statement. Option D: *Inaccessible* does not fit contextually in the second statement. Option C fits perfectly in both the statements. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

11. Here we are talking about the fact that we should not make any statement that hurts or belittles anybody. This will not feel good if that same thing happens to you since you will feel very bad for that. That is why the author is of the opinion that you should not indulge in doing something that will hurt you back.

Among the given words here we can see that *docile* implies *pliable and pliant* whereas *eccentric* means *strange and abnormal.* Both these words are not correct as per the given context and they should be eliminated. There is only one word that makes sense in this context for all the three given blanks and that is *derogatory* meaning *sarcastic and critical.* This will make the given paragraph grammatically and contextually meaningful.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

12. Here we are talking about the future of a person and it is being said that the person is not having a very good future at sight. The prospects do not look at all promising in his case. That is why his parents and teachers are also very much worried about his future.

Now coming to the words given in options, *callous* refers to *unfeeling / obdurate* but this will not satisfy the context in all the three blanks. *Earnest* refers to *sincere* and *benevolent* implies *somebody who is generous.* These two are also not going with the given context. There is only one word that can be used to fill all the three blanks and that is *bleak* which implies *something that is likely to have an unfavourable outcome.* It will satisfy all the three blanks correctly.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

13. The given paragraph is regarding the fact that in a startup setup it is not at all necessary to follow any set of norms. The main thing is that you have to show results according to your own flexible timetable and discipline. That is why it can be said that in startup companies it is not about norms but it is mainly about performance.

Now coming to the given words, we can see that *attest* implies *ratifying something or confirming something officially* whereas *abate* implies *decease something.* These two words are not correct as per the given context and can be eliminated. *Reject* is also not correct. There is only one word that can be used in all the three blanks and it will make the whole paragraph meaningful. The concerned word is *adhere* that means *abide by or obey something.* This is our correct pick.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

14. The given paragraph is regarding the nature of him and his family members. It is regarding the fact that all his family members are very much superficial in nature and what is seen from outside is not at all correct in this case.

Coming to the given words, *stupendous* implies *extremely impressive* whereas *spurious* implies *something false.* Both these words are not making any sense for all the three blanks at the same time and hence they can be eliminated from consideration. Coming to *substantial,* it refers to *something significant* and this is also not correct for the context. There is only one word that fits in all these three statements that make the paragraph meaningful and that is *superficial.*

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

15. The given paragraph is regarding a certain kind of people who have certain qualities in themselves and that is why a lot of people are envious of them. There are certain qualities that make them apart from the normal people.

Now coming to the given words in options, *lucid* means *expressed clearly* whereas *sterile* refers to *barren or impotent.* Therefore these two words can be eliminated from consideration. There is only one word that can fit in all the three blanks in the paragraph i.e. *successful.* This will make all the three blanks meaningful.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

16. According to the given paragraph the context is regarding the merger between two companies and it was done in order to survive in the long term and also the concerned sector will benefit from this decision taken by the board members of both the companies. Coming to the given options we can see that *agreement* will fit in all the three blanks whereas the rest of the words cannot fit in all the blanks in the paragraph. Therefore they can be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

17. The given paragraph is regarding the situation in the event where many celebrities and guests were present. The hosts and the anchors handled the situation quite well since they did not let everything go out of control in this case.

Among the given words, we see that the word *awkward* can fit in all the three blanks since it gives the correct implication meant here. Coming to the other words, none of them will fit in all the blanks at the same time.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

18. According to the context of the given paragraph it is regarding the fact that the interview went very well but still the person was not selected. The panel members were very happy with all the answers given but they did not select the person ultimately. Among the given options, we can only choose *candid* to fit in all the three given blanks since all the other words are unfit for all the three blanks at the same time. *Candid* implies *frank and outspoken.*
This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

19. According to the given context of the paragraph it is regarding the fact that a winner can triumph over anything. Nothing can come in between a winner and his destination. Any hurdle coming in between can be used as a stepping stone for the future. In the future it gives additional mental strength to face similar situations. Now coming to the given options, it can be said that only *adversity* will fit in all the blanks since it refers to hurdles and obstacles. *Abash* refers to *disconcert* whereas *axiom* refers to *any adage or truism. Bewitching* means *something very alluring.*
This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

20. According to the given context of the paragraph it is regarding the fact that it is not worthwhile to hold resentment against somebody since that affects the health of a person actually. In the long run it is necessary that you do not hold things in the mind since it actually hampers the mentality of a person. The mental health of the person actually gets affected due to this. Among the given options, we can see that only *grudge* can be used in this context. That means *resentment or anger against somebody.* Coming to the other words, *gratitude* refers to *being grateful for something* whereas *hapless* refers to *clueless regarding something. Glut* refers to *an excessively abundant supply of something.*
This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

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1. Iran and India, with the________ of the other countries, must cooperate closely to ______ the capabilities of the Afghan government.

A. resistance, overpower
B. assistance, improve
C. help, guide
D. support, ensure
E. co-operation, deplete

2. The film 'Udta Punjab' faced several cuts at the hands of the censor board and _______ before its release but Alia won ______ for her portrayal.

A. leaked, praise
B. watch, critics
C. measured, criticism
D. looked, battle
E. reviewed, critics

3. An FIR has been registered ________cricketers Hardik Pandya and K L Rahul and filmmaker Karan Johar for their ________remarks against women on the celebrity chat show 'Koffee With Karan.

A. with, calculative
B. against, controversial
C. by, conflict
D. against, controversy
E. by, trajectory

4. Trump put Pakistan on notice for _______terrorist organisations to destabilise neighbouring countries and ______ the country.

A. discouraging, admired
B. demoting, attacked
C. sheltering, acclaimed
D. encouraging, warned
E. rewarding, accused

5. Pakistan's foreign currency reserves have ______ to around $8 billion, just enough to _______ about two months of imports.

A. risen, meet

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B. cut, reserve
C. dwindled, cover
D. demolished, save
E. diminished, ask

6. While India's post-independence rural policy was about _______ agricultural labour to cities, we need a dual approach to incentivising job creation at rural India's ______.

A. migrating, doorstep
B. mitigating, ease
C. transforming, reach
D. shifting, doorstep
E. Both A and D

7. As the _____ of jobs is changing worldwide, the private sector is unable to ______ absorb the entrant workforce.

A. mood, fully
B. qualification, maximum
C. nature, adequately
D. value, rightly
E. Both B and D

8. Widening the tax-payer base has a redistributive effect in _______ inequality and is the biggest _____ of free-market economies.

A. abridging, flaw
B. addressing, quality
C. perceiving, radical
D. bridging, leveler
E. Both A and D

9. The Balakot factor could be an _______ point in shifting sentiments in favour of a strong, majority government returning to power in ________ to a rag-a-tag coalition.

A. turning, accordance
B. inflection, preference
C. intentional, reference
D. important, diffidence
E. None of these

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10. The parties in opposition are ______ the state government in UP over delay in processing of sugarcane ______.

A. attacking, arrears
B. targeting, field
C. discouraging, farmers
D. applauding, arrears
E. Both A and B

11. Congress leaders stress that this manifesto _______ the needs and _______ of the marginalised sections of society.

A. covers, inspirations
B. includes, requirements
C. addresses, aspirations
D. indicates, qualities
E. None of the above

12. It is now important for the central bank to ______ that the discipline in the system does not _______.

A. command, wrecked
B. notice, week
C. maintain, exist
D. ensure, slacken
E. None of the above

13. It is possible that this piece of ________ is likely to be used against him by his electoral _______.

A. advice, clans
B. information, rivals
C. garbage, opponents
D. paper, allies
E. None of the above

14. The _______ for farm loan waivers has been growing, but this measure alone cannot be a _______ solution to mounting agrarian distress.

A. slogans, fixed
B. demand, efficient
C. clamour, permanent
D. areas, onetime

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E. request, sure

15. While the practice ______ food security it does not ______ adequate cash for the families.

A. assure, retain

B. provide, demand

C. allows, require

D. ensures, provide

E. improves, outsource

16. The terrorists wanted to _______ communal tensions and ______ Sri Lanka's fragile ethno-religious matrix.

A. stoke, exploit

B. fuel, enhance

C. regret, helps

D. stop, provide

E. improves, outsource

17. In her, the ______ Gujarat riots have forged an iron spirit that will _______ other embattled women to fight for justice.

A. emotional, change

B. ancient, intend

C. horrific, inspire

D. terrified, motive

E. violent, assure

18. The Supreme Court's order to ________ and close 27 resorts operating in corridors used by elephants in the Nilgiris is a necessary step to ________ the ecology of these spaces.

A. cover, recover

B. seal, restore

C. block, respect

D. aid, replace

E. support, reinstate

19. The internet user base in the country has now ________ over half-a-billion, primarily led by the rapid ________ of smartphones and decreasing mobile data prices.

A. peaked, adaptation

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B. crossed, rise
C. reached, adoption
D. touched, use
E. placed, requirement

20. China ______ its arrival in the private sector space race last week, as OneSpace became the first Chinese company to launch a small rocket—its first step towards sending ______ small satellites in space.

A. Portrayed, smooth
B. Colored, some
C. Marked, numerous
D. Dealt, more
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Option A- resistance and overpower do not fit into the context. As if other countries will resist then how come Iran and India will overpower Afghanistan.
Option B- Both the words suit the context absolutely and are grammatically also correct.
Hence option B is correct.

2. Option A- Both the words suit the context absolutely and are grammatically also correct.
Hence option A is correct.

3. Option A – ‘with’ is not going well with FIR, because an FIR is registerd against or registered by someone, but not registered with.
Option B – Both the words are correct as FIR is registered against the said personalities due to their controversial remarks.
Hence option B is correct.

4. Option A – ‘Discouraging’ terrorism and then “destabilization” of neighboring countries are contrary to each other.
Option B – If terrorism is ‘demoted’ by Pakistan then there is no point for US to “attack” Pakistan because Pakistan was on back-foot due to its terrorism friendly image.

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Option C – ‘Acclaimed’ means to praise, which is contradictory to the “notice” being issued by Trump.
Option D – Both the words fit the blank absolutely well, as “encouragement” of terrorism by Pakistan leads to destabilizing environment in neighboring countries, for which Trump “warned” Pakistan.
Hence option D is correct.
5. Option A - ‘risen’ and ‘meet’ are contradictory with respect to the context. As if reserves have risen it would have no issues in giving payment of imports.
Option B – ‘Cutting’ reserves won’t ensure the reserve fund for payment of imports, thus both the words are absurd.
Option C – ‘Dwindling’ of reserves has led the situation that it has reached to such a low level that Pakistan could pay for two months of import only.
Thus both the words fit the blank contextually and grammatically correctly.
Hence option C is correct.
6. Option B- mitigating which means 'making something less severe' is out of the context, thus it makes option B incorrect.
Option C- transforming is a wrong word here to be used.
Option A and Option D both make correct choices for the blanks.
Hence option E is correct.
7. 'Mood of jobs' does not sound meaningful, thus option A is not correct.
'Maximum' is grammatically incorrect if placed in the second blank, thus option B is also incorrect.
Both the words of option C fit the blanks perfectly.
Hence option C is correct.
8. Option A is incorrect as abridging the income gap cannot be a flaw for an economy, thus flaw does not suit the second blank.
Option B is incorrect as mere addressing the inequality can’t be the biggest quality of an economy, thus both the words are not complimenting each other.
Option C is incorrect as perceiving does not suit the context.
Option D is correct as by narrowing the income parity, one can level the things, thus both the words are complimentary to each other and make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. Hence option D is correct.
9. Option A is wrong as use of vowel ‘an’ before the first blank refers to a word starting with vowel to be used here.

Option C is also incorrect as intentional point does not make any sense to the sentence.
Option D is wrong as 'diffidence' which means 'modesty or shyness resulting from a lack of self-confidence' is out of the context.
Option B is correct as 'inflection point' means a turning point or a game changer, which absolutely matches the context.
Hence option B is correct.
10. Option D is incorrect as 'delay' is a negative word here whereas 'applaud' which means 'to praise someone' is a positive one. So, nobody can be praised for making delay in something.
Option B is incorrect as 'field' can't be processed.
Option C is also wrong as 'processing of sugarcane farmers' does not make any sense.
Option A is absolutely correct as 'delay in processing of sugarcane arrears' makes sense and opposition will obviously attack the present government for such an act.
Hence option A is correct.
11. First word of all the options could fit the first blank grammatically as well as contextually, but the second word makes a difference here.
In option A, 'inspirations' seems contextually incorrect.
In option B, 'requirements' is redundant as it means the same as "needs".
In option C, 'aspirations' absolutely fits the context as well grammar.
Aspiration is different from 'need' in a way that "need" refers to the necessities of an individual whereas 'aspiration" is more about luxurious desires of an individual.
Hence option C is correct.
12. In option A, "wrecked" is grammatically incorrect because it uses the past participle form of verb as well as does not fit the context.
In option B, week is contextually incorrect.
In option C, "exist" is exactly opposite to what is being required. RBI is a governing authority and it would try to maintain discipline rather than removing it.
Both the words of option D suit the context as well as fulfill the grammar rules.

Hence option D is correct.

13. Clans means group of kin, which is simply not related to the context. Thus option A is eliminated.

Any information can be misused by the opponents only, thus both the words of option B absolutely fit to the blanks.

In option C, garbage is completely wrong.

In option D, allies is just opposite to the context, allies means friends, which will not do anything against him.

Hence option B is correct.

14. Option A- Slogans is not correct to be used in the first blank, as how come slogans grow? Moreover, it would grammatically be incorrect as with singular verb "has", singular subject is needed here.

Option B – Efficient is grammatically wrong as it cannot be preceded by the vowel 'a' as 'Efficient' starts with a vowel sound.

Option C- Both the words fit the blank absolutely.

'Clamour' means 'A strongly expressed protest or demand from a large number of people'.

Hence option C is correct.

15. Option A – "Assure" is grammatically incorrect, With singular subject verb should also be singular.

Option B – Due to the above mentioned reason "Provide" is also incorrect.

Option C – "Allows" does not fit in the first blank as it brings absurdity to the context of the sentence.

Option D- Both the words are grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Hence option D is correct.

16. It is very obvious that terrorist would do something negative. Thus both the words should be negative in nature.

Option A – Both the words absolutely fit the blanks.

Option B – 'Enhance' does not fill in the second blank appropriately.

Option C - Neither of the words fill in its respective blank appropriately.

Option D - The first word 'Stop' is exactly opposite to what's intended in the sentence as terrorists do not want to stop communal tensions.

Option E - The first word 'improves' is ungrammatical in the sentence.

Hence option A is correct.

17. A strong spirit always motivates others, thus the second blank must have words like motivate, inspire, etc.

This makes option C the correct choice.

Hence option C is correct.

18. Cover does not fit in contextually in the first blank as it does not render meaning to the sentence. The sentence talks about Supreme Court's order relating to area used by elephants. Hence, option A is eliminated.

Block does not fit in contextually in the first blank as it does not render meaning to the sentence. Block cannot be coupled with Close in the sentence. Hence, option C is eliminated.

Aid and Support carry positive meaning and they cannot be used with Close. Hence, option D and E are eliminated.

Hence, option B is the answer.

19. Adaptation does not fit in contextually as the sentence talks about the expansion of user base of internet because of greater use of smartphones in India. Hence, option A is eliminated.

Rise does not fit in contextually as it does not talk about rise in the number of users. Hence, option B is eliminated.

Again, 'Use' does not fit in contextually as rapid use of Smartphone does not mean greater number of Smartphone users. Hence, option D is eliminated.

Placed does not fit in contextually as it does not render meaning to the sentence. Hence, option E is eliminated.

Hence, option C is the answer.

20. *Dealt* and *coloured* do not make sense in the first blank and are incorrect. Thus, options B and D can be eliminated.

Out of options A and C, A is the only option where both words fit both the blanks respectively.

Hence, option C is correct.

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1. State governments have simply not given rules the necessary momentum, and the producers of plastic articles that are _________ used just for a few minutes have shown little _________ about their negative environmental impact.

A. regularly, assistance
B. invariably, concern
C. hardly, hope
D. habitually, support
E. rarely, makeover

2. All the _________ functions including selection of bank chairpersons continue to be _________ by the Ministry of Finance.

A. governance, controlled
B. mundane, promoted
C. exploratory, facilitated
D. good, envisioned
E. important, overlooked

3. Currently, the maker _________ systems require human _________ and are therefore prone to capture and corruption.

A. tracker, intimation
B. seeker, infusion
C. player, security
D. checker, intervention
E. marketer, guarantee

4. RBI lacks supervisory capacity to conduct forensic audits and this must be strengthened with _________ as well as _________ resources.

A. male, female
B. discreet, conspicuous
C. human, technological
D. cash, kind
E. private, public

5. Unlike mainstream media that falls under _________ regulation, online platforms have scope for wrongdoing due to the lack of _________ rules, and

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the ability to keep owners and editors private like in the case of fake news sites.

A. inclusive, delicate
B. certain, socialite
C. comprehensive, binding
D. extensive, defamation
E. responsible, guiding

6. Related frauds amount to INR 612.6 billion in the last five financial years and governance failures on account of ________ and ________ issues plague the banking system.

A. males, females
B. hard, fast
C. micro, soft
D. integrity, competence
E. marketing, finance

7. It is best to be really clear that climate change ________ to you, that you are personally worried about it, and that you are asking your friends and family to help ________ it because you are scared.

A. important, out
B. looks, harm
C. communicates, purge
D. matters, address
E. points, clear

8. Social sector banks tend to man the business verticals with the brightest talent and less ________ staff in the inspection and ________ roles.

A. skilled, future
B. competent, supervision
C. worse, work
D. experienced, futile
E. neutral, superior

9. The upcoming housing units in Maharashtra will increase residential building sector floor space by approximately 100 million square metre and will generate higher carbon footprint, posing ________ environmental impacts if not constructed ________ and factoring occupants comfort.

A. undesirable, nicely
B. strong, timely
C. dverse, sustainably
D. quick, development
E. destructive, helpfully

10. SEBI believes that any move to transfer its ________ funds to the Consolidated Fund of India would mean the fees levied by SEBI on investors and traders would become a type of additional tax, resulting in a perverse ________ to increase the generation of such revenue for the government.

A. surplus, incentive
B. excess, acquisition
C. access, encouragement
D. regular, rush
E. surfeit, embellishment

11. We are a little _______ that the hearing in the two cases have different dates when there is a judicial order of taking both cases up together.

I. perplexed
II. amused
III. happy
A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III
E. All are correct

12. It would be better if they could at least provide us some _______as to when the bills would be paid.

I. insurance
II. assurance
III. importance
A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III
E. All are correct

13. Reservations to economically weaker sections would be provided without adversely _____ the SC/ST and socially and economically backward classes.

I. affecting
II. effecting

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III. influencing

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III

E. All are correct

14. The southwest monsoon is a determinant of India's overall ________ .

I. security

II. prosperity

III. riches

A. Only II B. Only I and II C. Only II and III D. Only III

E. All are correct

15. South Asia _____ half of global low birth weight burden.

I. supports

II. bears

III. keeps

A. Only I B. Only I and II C. Only II and III D. Only III

E. All are correct

16. If plastics were a country, it would be the fifth highest _______ in the world.

I. discharge

II. producer

III. emitter

A. Only II B. Only I and III C. Only II and III D. Only III

E. All are correct

17. Owing to the flight ban on its airspace by India, Pakistan has ________ its operation for Bangkok which is causing a loss of millions of rupees per day.

I. suspended

II. rejected

III. halted

A. Only I B. Only I and III C. Only II and III D. Only III

E. All are correct

18. This is the first time that poet Bharathiar has been _____________ in a saffron turban.

I. Depicted

II. Characterized

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III. Presented
A. Both I and II B. Both I and III C. Both II and III D. None of I, II and III
E. All are correct

19. This is a State government-issued textbook and there is no ___________ of politics or religion in education.

I. Reform
II. Question
III. Utility
A. Both I and II B. Both II and III C. Only I D. Only II
E. All are correct

20. The film, ___________ for a June 28 release, has earned the ire of the Brahmin community in Uttar Pradesh.

I. Slated
II. Scheduled
III. Functioned
A. Both II and III B. Both I and II C. Only III D. Only I
E. All are correct

Solutions

1. The word "used" after the first blank indicates that it is regarding the nature of use of the plastic articles. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "regularly", "invariably" and "habitually". Hence options C and E are eliminated.
The second blank is regarding the "negative environmental impact" of the plastic bag. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "concern" indicating that the producers are hardly worried about the impact of plastic. The words "assistance" and "support" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

2. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "governance" and "controlled". This makes the sentence meaningfully correct. All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

3. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "checker" and "intervention".
Maker-checker is one of the central principles of authorization in the information systems of financial organizations. The principle of maker and checker means that for each transaction, there must be at least two individuals necessary for its completion.
All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically.
Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

4. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "human" and "technological". This makes the sentence meaningfully correct. All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect.
Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. The word “regulation” after the first blank indicates that the word describes the type of regulation the “mainstream media” falls under. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “inclusive”, “comprehensive” and “extensive”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.
“Lack of” before the second blank and “rules” after it shows that it has to be the opposite of the type of rules faced by the mainstream media. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “binding” which means ‘involving an obligation that cannot be broken’. The words “delicate" and “defamation” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

6. The sentence tries to convey that the banking system is “plagued” or ‘infected’ with problems such as “frauds” and incapability and inefficiency of the government.
“Failures on account of” before the blanks indicate that the words occupying the blank must be positive so that the whole expression can become negative. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "integrity" and "competence". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically.

"Integrity" is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
"Competence" is the ability to do something successfully or efficiently.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "matters" and "address". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Option A would have been considered if the helping verb "is" was present before the first blank. The other options make the statement contextually inappropriate. Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

8. The sentence says that the "brightest" talents are already employed in the business verticals of the social sector banks. Therefore, the first blank refers to the remaining less 'capable' employees. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "skilled", "competent" and "experienced". Hence options C and E are eliminated.
The word "inspection" and the second blank are joined by "and" and describe the "roles" of the staff. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "supervision". The words "future" and "futile" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

9. The word "posing" reflects a tone of 'negative effect' and hence only "undesirable", "adverse" and "destructive" would fit the blank. Options B and D lack this reasoning and can be eliminated.
Sustainable development means utilizing resources today in a manner that does not harm the future generations. The construction of residential buildings will leave a huge carbon footprint and should be done in an efficient way that does not have negative impacts in future. The adverb "sustainably" would fit the blank aptly. "Nicely" and "helpfully do not convey the meaning properly and hence options A and E can also be eliminated.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

10. The word "funds" after the first blank indicates that the word describes the type of funds that might be transferred to the Consolidated Fund of India. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "surplus", "excess" and "surfeit". Hence options C and D are eliminated.

The second blank refers to the motivation "to increase the generation" of fees levied by SEBI on to investors as this would also act as revenue for the government if the funds are transferred. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "incentive" which means 'a thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something'. The words "acquisition" and "embellishment" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options B and E as well.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

11. Here the statements represent two contradictory facts. Contradiction always creates confusion in one's mind.
Therefore "perplexed" is the only word that fits in the blank absolutely.
Hence option A is correct.

12. It seems to be an issue of non-payment of dues on the company's part. Thus in that case "assurance" is something which can be provided to make the payment later.
Hence option B is correct.

13. The word "effect" is a noun and not used as a verb/present participle. Therefore, usage of it for the blank can be eliminated straightaway.
'Affect' and 'Influence' both are synonymous to each other as they mean 'have an effect on'.
Therefore, choices I and III absolutely fit the blank.
Hence option D is correct.

14. A great measure of India's GDP depends on agriculture and agriculture in India mainly depends upon monsoon. Therefore, among the given choices the noun 'prosperity' fills in the blank most appropriately.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

15. Both the verbs 'Bear' and 'Support' mean 'carry the weight of' and either of them is correct for the blank. However, 'keep' means 'have or retain possession of' would be absurd in the context of the sentence. Instead of 'keep', 'keep up' would have been correct as that is synonymous to 'Bear'.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

16. If we observe the given options, we can deduce that both 'producer' and 'emitter' imply the same meaning; a thing which emits or produce something.

Either of these two words fills in the blank appropriately. However, the word 'discharge' is not going well with the context of the sentence at all.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

17. Among the given choices, 'suspended' and 'halted' are synonyms and either of them fills in the blank appropriately. However, 'rejected' is illogical in the context of the sentence.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

18. According to the given context we can see that we are talking about a poet who has been pictured in a saffron turban and this is the first time that such an effort has been made by the authorities.

Among the given words, we can fill the given blank with *depicted* and *presented* whereas *characterized* will not fit in the given context. The turban is just an outside outfit which has been used in order to present the poet and there is nothing that suggests anything about the character or nature of the poet here. So the word *characterized* can be left out from this context.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

19. According to the given context we can see that we are talking about the textbooks issued by the state government and it is vehemently denied that there is any connection to the religion or politics in the whole thing. Any reference or subtle indication towards that can be eliminated from consideration also. Among the given options, we can see that only *question* can be used here to indicate the desired meaning of the given context whereas the rest of the two words can be eliminated due to the fact that they do not follow the given context and that is why they will not be able to fill the blank correctly and meaningfully.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

20. According to the given context we are talking about a film that is going to be released on June 28 as decided and now the film has courted controversy from the Brahmin caste members of the state of Uttar Pradesh for some reason. Among the given words, we can use either *slated* or *scheduled* to imply that the said film is going to release on June 28 and it is also the desired meaning of the given context whereas *functioned* is not correct as per the given context and can be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

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1. The fee received is reasonably sufficient to cater to the ___________ expenses of SEBI, and it does not need to seek ___________ from the government.

A. fine, permission
B. running, funding
C. loan, more
D. gradual, approval
E. regular, less

2. Provocative content, ___________ information, ___________ videos and pictures are being disseminated through various online and mobile platforms.

A. upset, deformed
B. inaccurate, doctored
C. erroneous, illuminating
D. vague, personal
E. misleading, gaming

3. The original sin of nationalization of banks was considered necessary at the time, given the collusion between ___________ and ___________ then.

A. employees, employers
B. government, people
C. companies, consumers
D. industry, finance
E. marketing, advertising

4. The ___________ of the Plastic Waste Management Rules require manufacturers of compostable bags to get a certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board, but this has not stopped ___________ products from entering the market

A. conditions, authentic
B. honour, conceding
C. provisions, counterfeit
D. faucets, prerogative
E. choice, gilded

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5. ___________ number of news/information portals are being set up as there are few entry ___________ unlike in the traditional media.

A. Umpteen, barriers

B. Negligible, exits

C. Reduced, points

D. Gradual, problems

E. Definite, channels

6. It is believed that laughter is an ___________ way of reaching wider audiences and engaging people who are less ___________ in the topic.

A. ideal, knowledge

B. agitation, hooked

C. intense, known

D. excellent, interested

E. optional, good

7. Currently, 11 of 21 listed PSB banks are under RBI's prompt corrective action framework and simply _________ all NPAs would create an ________ level of complexity.

A. knowingly, want

B. willingly, try

C. consolidating, additional

D. quickly, develop

E. urgently, help

8. A surprise pick by PM, the new ___________ minister remains a ___________ unknown entity to the financial world.

A. finance, relatively

B. textiles, important

C. resources, very

D. law, less

E. education, generally

9. Terms of chairpersons should align with the life of the loan, which would allow ___________ to be detected and penalties to be ___________ out as required.

A. nonpayment, forced

B. defaults, meted

C. withdrawals, given
D. evasions, taken
E. bribery, stroked

10. Growth in India's fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector is ___________ as lower spending in urban centres and slowdown in rural growth ___________ consumption.

A. dipping, food
B. failing, imaginary
C. declining, crimp
D. emerging, halt
E. eliminating, queue

11. The problem of ___________ journals emerged after the UGC introduced a ___________ scoring system leading to an Academic Performance Indicator in which publishing is a part.

A. qualitative, trade
B. predatory, quantitative
C. rapacious, value
D. exalting, perfect
E. predacious, number

12. In India, numerous sites are set up to ___________ fake news with ___________ bait headlines.

A. peddle, click
B. destroy, helpful
C. sell, press
D. excavate, vision
E. exterminate, view

13. Bankers said the ___________ on rating agencies make their own assessment more important and going ___________ more weightage would be given to the same.

A. suspicions, backward
B. flair, ahead
C. doubts, forward
D. reservations, nether
E. call, up

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14. ___________ Google and Facebook, as the largest platforms for content distribution, are said to be ___________ systems that will filter fake news.

A. both, creating
B. Either, developing
C. Neither, facilitating
D. Each, viewing
E. Overall, bearing

15. There's always the danger that if we take too long, warming will have ___________ to the point where melting ice emits methane, creating yet more temperature ___________ .

A. amplified, stabilizes
B. dimished, increases
C. intensified, corners
D. increased, rises
E. remained, fuses

16. The Chairman of Syndicate Bank who was ___________ by the promoters of Bhushan Steel was in jail for barely a few months and has not been ___________ as yet.

A. bribed, convicted
B. bought, convinced
C. stirred, hounded
D. taken, called
E. shocked, rounded

17. Claire Wardle categorized ___________ into seven categories, namely satire or ___________ , misleading content, imposter content, fabricated content, false connection, false content and manipulated content.

A. disinformation, news
B. paraphernalia, comedy
C. misinformation, parody
D. facts, virtual
E. rules, autobiography

18. Laughter has a strong social ___________ in bonding groups of people together and also helps make the message more ___________ .

A. resolution, clear

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B. mobility, harmful
C. intensity, plain
D. function, relatable
E. purview, smooth

19. Improvements to HR practices can help ___________ ___________ behavior like frauds.

A. alleviate, benevolent
B. elevate, outrageous
C. mitigate, egregious
D. hasten, diminishable
E. diminish, pious

20. PSBs ___________ from a severe identity ___________ and require business, not just financial restructuring.

A. suffer, crisis
B. offer, revolution
C. negate, control
D. prefer, makeover
E. bring, categorization

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1. The sentence tries to convey that the fee received is high enough to cover the operating expenses of SEBI and it goes not need to ask for money from the government. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "running" and "funding". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, C, D and E are eliminated.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

2. The word “provocative” indicates that the adjectives filling both the blanks would be negative. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “inaccurate”, “erroneous” and “misleading”. Hence options A and D are eliminated.

However, the words “illuminating" and “gaming” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence and are contextually incorrect. They cannot be placed in the second blank. This eliminates options C and E as well. The only word that

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makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “doctored” which means ‘changed the content or appearance of (a document or picture) in order to deceive; falsified’.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. The term “collusion” refers to a secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy in order to deceive others.

In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "industry" and "finance". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated. The collusion between industry and finance refers to businessmen misusing the loans taken from banks with full knowledge of the bank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

4. The first blank refers to the ‘stipulations’ of the “Plastic Waste Management rules”. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “conditions” and “provisions”. Hence options B, D and E are eliminated.

The use of the words “but this has not stopped” before the second blank shows that it has to be something negative. The word “authentic" has a positive tone and is unsuitable for the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A as well. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “counterfeit” which means ‘made in exact imitation of something valuable with the intention to deceive or defraud’.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. The sentence conveys that a huge number of news portals are being set up because it is less difficult to enter this space as compared to traditional media. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "umpteen" and "barriers". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. In the context of the sentence, "ideal" or "excellent" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, option C could have been considered if the given choice for the second blank was “knowledgeable” instead of knowledge. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well. The suitable word for the second blank is “interested”.

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Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. The word “regulation” after the first blank indicates that the word describes the type of regulation the “mainstream media” falls under. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “inclusive”, “comprehensive” and “extensive”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The word “lack” before the second blank and “rules” after it shows that it has to be the opposite of the type of rules faced by the mainstream media. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “binding” which means ‘involving an obligation that cannot be broken’. The words “delicate" and “defamation” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that is suitable for the first and second blank are “finance” and “relatively” respectively. All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The clue in this sentence is given by “financial world”.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. The first blank refers to something that is related to “loan” but the detection of which would lead to “penalties”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “nonpayment”, “defaults” and “evasion”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

The second blank indicated that penalties need to be given out when required. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “meted” out which means ‘to give or order a punishment or make someone receive cruel or unfair treatment’. The words “forced" and “taken” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

10. “Lower spending” and “slowdown in rural growth” indicate that the growth of FMCG sector is diminishing due to decrease in consumption. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "declining" and "crimp". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

11. The word “problem” before the first blank indicates that it is something ‘negative’ in nature. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “predatory”, “rapacious” and “predacious” all of which mean ‘greedy’. Hence options A and D are eliminated.

“Scoring system” after the second blank shows that it has to describe the scoring system as ‘measurable’ The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “quantitative”. The words “value" and “number” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and E as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

12. In the context of the sentence, "peddle" or "sell" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as numerous sites are set up to distribute fake news with catchy titles, "click" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. “Click bait” titles refer to content whose main purpose is to attract attention and encourage visitors to click on a link to a particular web page. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

13. Bankers would have to consider their own assessment methods to be more important only if the rating agencies dedicated for this job have developed a bad reputation. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “suspicions”, “doubts” and “reservations”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

Out of the remaining choices, the only word that fits in the second blank and makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “forward”. The phrase “going forward” means ‘moving into the future’. The words “backward" and “nether” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

14. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "both" and "creating". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

15. The first blank describes that state of “warming” where “melting ice emits methane”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the

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first blank are “amplified”, “intensified” and “increased”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank is a continuation of the effects of high temperature. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “rises”. The words “stabilizes" and “corners” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

16. The sentence refers to the chairman going to “jail”. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "jail" and "convicted". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

17. The examples of the “seven categories” mentioned in the sentence are all negative indicating that the first blank is something ‘negative’ in nature. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “disinformation” and “misinformation”. Hence options B, D and E are eliminated.

The second blank has to have a word whose meaning is similar to “satire”. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “parody” which means ‘an imitation of the style of a particular writer, artist, or genre with deliberate exaggeration for comic effect’. The words “news" is irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

18. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "function" and "relatable". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

19. The word “help” before the first blank indicates that the word in the first blank will have a positive effect. But we are unable to eliminate any options before having a look at the second blank.

The second blank is followed by the words “behaviour like frauds”. This shows that the word in the blank is negative word which describes such fraudulent behaviour.

Now we combine these two pieces of information. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “allievate”, “mitigate” and “diminish” all of which mean ‘reduce’. Hence options B and D are eliminated. As for the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “egregious” which means ‘outstandingly bad; shocking’. The words “benevolent" and “pious” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and E as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

20. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "suffer" and "crisis". This makes the sentence meaningfully correct. All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, C and E are eliminated.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

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1. The traditional practices of yoga lay great _________ on the importance of _________ in the form of pranayama.

A. emphasis, breathing

B. stress, exercise

C. faith, controlling

D. motion, body

E. strength, games

2. The water availability of a region or nation is largely _________ by hydro-meteorological and geological factors, and the _________ availability from annual precipitation is well above our requirement.

A. decided, freight

B. determined, utilizable

C. witnessed, lessened

D. governed, qualitative

E. branded, sluggish

3. What the ruling by the International Court of Justice _________ , is that should Pakistan decide to retry Jadhav, the Indian naval officer will be properly _________ by Indian counsel.

A. enacts, guided

B. explains, ingrained

C. guarantees, represented

D. enshrines, represented

E. means, feared

4. They fear that any original thinking or non-conformist initiative may attract accusations of _________ , making PSU managers shun risk and stick to procedures and _________ rather than break out boldly in new directions.

A. transgression, peculiarities

B. malfeasance, precedents

C. excellence, patients

D. wrongdoing, projects

E. exuberance, patents

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5. Insurance law has to be revisited to also ensure that there is a guaranteed ________ of policies, that age is no bar for ________ , and pre-existing conditions are uniformly covered.

A. renewal, entry

B. relapse, coming

C. review, exit

D. enhancement, bringing

E. robustness, viewing

6. Additional benefits include ________ training cost incurred post recruitment and a ________ churn as learners develop more ownership in their roles.

A. nominal, greater

B. significant, more

C. insignificant, higher

D. minimal, lesser

E. notorious, fewer

7. Rather than the ________ of privatization going to the Consolidated Fund of India, a sovereign wealth fund could be created which is ________ managed.

A. profits, personally

B. security, sectionally

C. proceeds, professionally

D. future, selectively

E. gains, privately

8. Friends, family and others are much more ________ to help when they realize something is important to someone they love, even when they may ________ about the facts.

A. willing, disagree

B. quilling, accrue

C. eager, control

D. nulling, boast

E. careful, go

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9. Ideally, regulation should help stop the manufacture of ________ use plastic articles such as carry bags and cutlery, and encourage the use of ________ materials.

A. disposable, degradable
B. anti, harmful
C. pro, pure
D. single, biodegradable
E. multi, crude

10. Special ________ are made for their meals, but officials ________ the long working hours without any over time.

A. proposals, due
B. parties, view
C. arrangements, rue
D. efforts, slew
E. rules, mew

11. The edtech firms provide campus recruits the required platform, content, assignments and project work in their last ________ of college to ensure they are prepared with programming skills and ________ digital skills before they join.

A. week, archaic
B. semester, emerging
C. month, irrational
D. segment, depreciating
E. portion, appreciating

12. Content that ________ leaders or groups of the opposite ideology based on falsehoods, deepens communal ________ or incites hatred have gained traction in the last few years.

A. disparages, harmony
B. denigrates, polarization
C. cheer, positioning
D. maligns, congruence
E. excites, agenda

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13. IFC aims to support the Maharashtra Housing department to scale-up green affordable ________ in the region and avoid lock-in of the resources and energy ________ housing units.

A. homes, extensive
B. spots, filling
C. companies, neutral
D. housing, intensive
E. markets, finishing

14. To deal with the slowdown, we are focusing on driving volume growth through new product ________ and consumer offers, as well as fast-tracking growth in ________ channels such as modern trade and e-commerce

A. unveilings, elusive
B. eliminations, various
C. launches, alternate
D. inaugurations, ambiguous
E. negligence, variable

15. The minister's ________ would have inspired greater confidence had India taken its own rules on waste management ________ .

A. claim, seriously
B. concern, smoothly
C. epilogue, generously
D. words, vaguely
E. ego, boldly

16. The Bank Boards Bureau uses the nomenclature of the Nayak Committee but none of its ________ governance reforms have been ________ .

A. fundamental, disbursed
B. solid, submitted
C. substantive, implemented
D. sectional, preferred
E. essential, dispersed

17. Budget sessions usually register higher number of hours with MPs ________ demands for ________ of different ministries.

A. discussing, grants

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B. refuting, profits
C. eliminating, incentives
D. upholding, amusements
E. exchanging, knickknacks

18. An ________ environment is expected to significantly impact the ________ of the housing sector in India resulting in significant savings in energy, water and waste diversion.

A. enabling, trajectory
B. facilitating, remuneration
C. empowering, fame
D. unhelpful, mutation
E. degrading, coaxing

19. The ________ of fake news is not new or recent, only its potential to reach people has ________ due to online platforms and applications that are free.

A. arrival, declined
B. performance, harmed
C. insurance, purged
D. advent, amplified
E. news, roughened

20. The involvement of the government in capital expenditure approval, in addition to the process of board approval, will not add any benefit to institutional efficiency and would be contrary to the principle of minimum ________ and maximum ________ .

A. power, people
B. defense, offense
C. government, governance
D. problems, solutions
E. time, result

Solutions

1. "Pranayama" is a 'breathing exercise' whose importance is greatly 'highlighted' by the "traditional practices of yoga" Hence, options C, D and E can be eliminated as they are contextually unfit. The only words that can fit the first blank are either “emphasis” or “stress”. For the second blank “breathing” is most appropriate as it specifies the type of exercise that “pranayama” is categorized under. So, it negates the possibility of option B as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

2. The first blank intends to convey that “water availability” is largely ‘dependent’ on “hydro-meteorological and geological factors” . In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “decided”, “determined” and “governed”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

The word in the second blank describes the nature of water available from annual precipitation. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “utilizable” which means ‘usable’. The words “freight" and “qualitative” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "guarantees" and "represented". This makes the sentence meaningfully correct. All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

4. The word “accusations” before the first blank indicates that it is something ‘negative’ in nature. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “transgression”, “malfeasance” and “wrongdoing”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

“Rather than” after the second blank shows that it has to be the opposite of “break out boldly in new directions” ,i.e., ‘following standards that have already been set’. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “precedents” which means ‘an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances’. The words “peculiarities" and “projects” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

5. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "renewal" and "entry". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The sentence wants to convey that insurance policies should be renewed compulsorily and that there should be no age restriction.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. Both the blanks state the “additional benefits.

“Training cost” after the first blank indicates that the cost should be ‘negligible’ in order for this to be a benefit. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “nominal”, “insignificant” and “minimal”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank states the type of churn. Employee churn is the overall turnover in an organization's staff as existing employees leave and new ones are hired. Churn should be ‘low’ in order for this to be a benefit.

So for the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “lesser”. The words “greater" and “higher” are opposite to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. The word “fund” indicates that the word in the first blank refers to a word indicating ‘monetary returns’ of privatization. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “profits”, “proceeds” and “gains”. Hence options B and D are eliminated.

Since the sentence speaks of an alternative to the national level “Consolidated Fund of India”, it makes no sense to manage it “personally” or “privately”. This eliminates options A and E as well. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “professionally”.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. In the context of the sentence, either of the words "willing" or "eager" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as the sentence is trying to convey that friends and family are more likely to help out a loved one in spite of the fact that they themselves might not believe in the cause, "disagree" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. In the context of the sentence, "single" or "disposble" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, C and E. For the second blank, there is confusion

between “biodegradable” and “degradable”. The two have similar meanings but there is a distinct difference between the two words.
“Degradable” items don't have living organisms as a crucial part of the breakdown process. Degradable bags cannot be classed as biodegradable or compostable. Unlike “biodegradable” products, degradable plastic items can break down only in anaerobic environments like landfills. Additionally, degradable products do not break down completely and turn into organic material; instead they break apart into microscopic pieces which can still affect the environment. Hence "biodegradable" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option A gets eliminated as well.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. The sentence tries to convey that in spite of making special provisions for their meals, the officials lament the long working hours without extra payment. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "arrangements" and "rue". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

11. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "semester" and "emerging". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Therefore, options A, C, D and E are eliminated.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

12. The first blank refers to the action of content based on “falsehoods” and this indicates that the action is ‘negative’ in nature. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “disparages”, “denigrates” and “maligns”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.
The second blank is a continuation of the negative effects of the aforementioned content. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “polarization” which means ‘division into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs’. The words “harmony" and “congruence” are positive in nature and do not fit in this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

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13. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "housing" and "intensive". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, C, and E are eliminated. Option D is hence the correct answer.

14. “New products” before the first blank indicates that the word describes the introduction of new products. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “unveilings”, “launches” and “inaugurations”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

For “fast-tracking” growth, multiple different channels must be used. Out of the remaining options, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “alternate”. The words “elusive" and “ambiguous” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer

15. In the context of the sentence, either of the words "claim" or "words" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, C and E. Further, as the sentence is trying to convey that people are not confident of the minister’s assertions because India has not taken her own waste management rules earnestly, "seriously" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option D gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

16. The word “its” before the first blank refers to the “Nayak Committee’s” and the blank is regarding “governance reforms”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “fundamental”, “substantive” and “essential”. Hence options B and D are eliminated.

The words “disbursed" and “dispersed” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence and are contextually incorrect. This eliminates options A and E as well. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “implemented” which means ‘put into effect’.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

17. The sentence tries to convey that the budget sessions go on for long hours as the MPs deliberate over the demands for endowments of different ministries. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "umpteen" and "barriers". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

18. Since the result would be "significant savings in energy, water and waste diversion", the first blank must describe a positive environment. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "enabling", "facilitating" and "empowering". Hence options D and E are eliminated.

As for the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "trajectory" which means 'path or direction'. The words "remuneration" and "fame" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options B and C as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

19. In the context of the sentence, "arrival" or "advent" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, C and E. Further, as fake news is able to reach more people due to free online platforms and applications; "amplified" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option A gets eliminated as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

20. Government and governance are two very similar words. People often get confused about the differences between "governance" and "government." "Government" is a group of people who rule or run the administration of a country. "Governance" is the act of governing or ruling.

In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "government" and "governance". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The phrase "minimum government maximum governance" means that the ownership or involvement of the government should be reduced so as to let the institutions function more efficiently but the government must establish and implement laws that help the functioning of these institutions.

Option C is hence the correct answer

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1. Given the history and the demands of domestic politics, particularly in Pakistan, the two countries are unlikely to present a ________ of neighbourly ________ .

A. photo, conversation
B. gift, talks
C. picture, cooperation
D. diary, coordination
E. bag, cohabitation

2. In mature economies, central banks accept corporate bonds as ________ for their liquidity management operations, so as to purposefully ________ the bond market.

A. security, undermine
B. collateral, develop
C. woeful, work
D. insurance, accentuate
E. baggage, strengthen

3. Local bodies ________ under rules to ensure segregation, collection and transfer of waste to registered recyclers have ________ failed to fulfill their responsibilities.

A. authorized, enormous
B. mandated, spectacularly
C. ruled, dared
D. delegated, great
E. deviated, scarcely

4. They said that trade ministers of both countries would meet at an early date and sort out contentious issues relating to market access, trade ________ and trade ________ .

A. blockages, smoothness
B. fairs, events
C. barriers, imbalance
D. projects, assignments
E. insecurities, consulates

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5. Millions of ________ will keep moving to towns from the hinterland to seek better ________ .

A. migrants, opportunities
B. immigrants, chances
C. emigrants, breaks
D. men, views
E. women, lives

6. While all these forms exist in India, ________ and ________ content are gaining steam, leading to the possibility of potential violence and impacting society.

A. fabricated, manipulated
B. irrelevant, useless
C. joyous, exalted
D. unnecessary, neutral
E. dangerous, exuberant

7. While predatory journals are not a uniquely Indian problem, the problem appears to be more grave here, and has possibly been aggravated by the UGC's policy of ________ recommendations for ________ of journals in its approved list.

A. seeking, exclusion
B. denying, publishing
C. soliciting, inclusion
D. facing, projection
E. handing, seeking

8. While media researchers around the world are ________ the fake news scene, little ________ information is available on the creators and the intention behind it.

A. investigating, credible
B. innovating, sound
C. instigating, genuine
D. obscuring, relevant
E. obliterating, believable

9. Global ________ effort is essential to addressing ________ such as climate change, and delivering on the promise of technology.

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A. important, views
B. economic, harmful
C. wonderful, things
D. cooperative, challenges
E. prevention, wrongs

10. South Korea is another example where state-owned banks have ________ chaebols, rather than ________ to political pressure.

A. chastened, wading
B. wanted, surrendering
C. disciplined, capitulating
D. wrought, ceding
E. controlled, admonishing

11. ________ the trade war, geopolitical tensions in West Asia, uncertainty around Brexit and global slowdown are other ________ driving the rally in gold price.

A. besides, factors
B. among, aspects
C. beside, controls
D. exciting, buildings
E. calling, goods

12. With good monsoon and a ________ government, the situation may improve, but growth rate expectations are lower now than what we ________ during the start of the year

A. steady, formed
B. stable, envisaged
C. worldly, envisioned
D. strong, seen
E. bonded, sought

13. Considering the rapid penetration of mobile phones and the rise in use of social media in India, the ________ of fake news is no longer a problem limited to the online world, especially because it has political, social and economic ________ on the ground.

A. dissidence, trade
B. dissemination, ramifications

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C. devolution, career
D. propagation, transactions
E. distribution, transfusion

14. Short-term credit from NBFCs, frequently _________ over, stands in for missing long-term capital and a disruption in the cycle results in a crisis for both the financing companies and the builders _________ on them for capital.

A. looked, dependent
B. fared, sulking
C. rolled, reliant
D. pushed, hungry
E. exited, fought

15. A functional bond market is vital for transparent _________ length finance, to better _________ resources for long-gestation infrastructure projects.

A. arm's, allocate
B. palm's, promote
C. hand's, facilitate
D. ear's, view
E. elbow's, bear

16. Hence the _________ need for demand-side management, less-water intensive seeds, _________ pricing of irrigation water, and aligning cropping patterns with agro-climatic conditions

A. critical, finance
B. hard, suitable C. solemn, super
D. pressing, efficient
E. secondary, serious

17. It may be useful to consider _________ off all agricultural and social-sector lending into a separate entity which may be government owned and controlled and allow the corporate lending part of the PSBs to be _________ .

A. breaking, humanized
B. calling, submitted
C. hiving, privatized
D. facing, protected

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E. raising, guided

18. Officials and people's representatives failing in their duty to ensure proper ________ of safety norms and those ________ in flouting these norms must be punished.

A. implementation, complicit
B. accuracy, symmetric
C. enforcement, implicit
D. execution, explicit
E. illumination, cooperating

19. All those extra hours that the MPs are ________ up in the ________ house discussing demands for grants of ministries, though, is not going too well with the support staff and security officials.

A. breaking, down
B. shoring, hut
C. eyeing, lane
D. putting, house
E. propping, building

20. Rightly, the government has acknowledged that the current rental laws are archaic as they do not address the relationship between the ________ and the ________ realistically and fairly.

A. lessor, landlord
B. lessee, tenant
C. lessor, lessee
D. lessor, lesser
E. lessee, leasing

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1. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "picture" and "cooperation". This makes the sentence meaningfully correct. All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated. The sentence means that there is very little possibility that the two countries would be able to have friendly relations because of their history and the demands of domestic politics. Option C is hence the correct answer.

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2. The sentence conveys that in mature countries bonds are accepted as 'guarantee' for their liquidity management operations. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "security", "collateral" and "insurance". Hence options C and E are eliminated.
The word "purposefully" before the second blank indicates that the central banks have done something with a positive effect. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "develop'. The word "undermine" has the opposite meaning and "accentuate" is irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. The words "under rules" give us the clue to the first blank. It shows that the local bodies were required by rules to segregate, collect and transfer waste. In the context of the sentence, the word that is suitable for the first blank is "authorized" or "mandated" or "delegated". Hence options C and E are eliminated.
The clue to the second blank lies in the word "failed" after it indicating that the word must express the scale of failure. The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "spectacularly" expressing that the failure was of a huge scale. The adjectives "enormous" or "great" would have been considered if they were in their adverb form. This eliminates options A and D as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. According to the sentence, the issues that are to be sorted are "contentious" which means 'causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial'. Both the blanks must have words with negative tones. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "barriers" and "imbalance". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. In the context of the sentence, the possible word that can fit the first blank is "migrants" or "immigrants" or "emigrants" but each of the three words has very specific meanings that are distinct from one another. "Emigrant" refers to a person who leaves one's country to live in another. "Immigrant" is a person who comes into another country to live permanently. "Migrant" is a person who moves from one region to another. In fact, 'migrate' is the root word of

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‘emigrate’ and ‘immigrate’. However, the sentence refers to the movement from rural areas to urban areas in search of a better livelihood, which further confirms the combination of “migrants” and “opportunities” to be the correct choice.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. The blanks refer to the type of content that is spreading rapidly and is “leading to the possibility of potential violence”. This indicates that the adjectives describing this type of content must be strongly negative.

In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "fabricated" and "manipulated". All other combinations are incorrect either contextually or grammatically as both the words need to be strongly negative.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

7. From the given sentence, we can infer that the problem has been made worse by UGC’s policy of asking for recommendations. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “seeking” and “soliciting”. Hence options B, D and E are eliminated.

For the second blank, we can infer that the aforementioned recommendations were sought for the addition of journals in the whitelist. The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is “inclusion”. The word "exclusion" means the opposite and this eliminates options A as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "investigating" and "credible". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Therefore, options B, C, D and E are eliminated. The sentence conveys that despite media researchers trying to inspect the fake news scenario, no reliable information has been found regarding those who have generated the false information.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "cooperative" and "challenges". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The sentence wants to convey that it is essential for all the countries in the world to unite in order to address issues such as climate change and developing relevant technology.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. “Chaebols” are large family-owned business conglomerates in South Korea. The use of “rather than” helps us to decipher the meaning of the sentence. The given sentence wants to convey that state-owned banks in south Korea have been able to take necessary actions against business conglomerates and have not succumbed to political pressure.

In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “chastened”, “disciplined” and “controlled”. Hence options B and D are eliminated.

As for the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “capitulating” which means ‘ceasing to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; yielding’. The words “wading" and “admonishing” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and E as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

11. The sentence wants to convey that “in addition to” the trade war, geopolitical tensions, Brexit and global slowdown are also responsible for the increase in gold price. In the context of the sentence, the only words that lead to a meaningful sentence are the combination of "besides" and "factors". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. “Beside” is incorrect for the first blank as it means ‘next to or at the side of’ whereas “besides” means ‘apart from or in addition to.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

12. The first blank must be positive since “the situation may improve”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “steady”, “stable” and “strong”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

Despite the aforementioned positive circumstances, the growth rate expectations are lower than what had been ‘visualized’ at the beginning of the year. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “envisaged” which means ‘contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event’. The words “formed" and “seen” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

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13. The first blank refers to the spreading of fake news which has become easier thanks to the wide reach of mobile phones. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “dissemination”, “propagation” and “distribution”. Hence options A and C are eliminated.
Out of the remaining choices, the only word that fits in the second blank and makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “ramifications” which means ‘complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event’. The words “transaction" and “transfusion” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options D and E as well.
Option B is hence the correct answer.
14. The sentence means to convey that short term loans from NBFCs whose due dates are frequently extended act as replacement for missing long term capital and a break in this cycle would be a disaster for both the financing companies as well as the builders who are dependent on them for capital. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "rolled" and "reliant". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated.
To “roll over” a loan means to extend the loan's due date by paying an additional fee. Loan roll over is most common with short-term payday and title loans.
Option C is hence the correct answer.
15. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "arm’s" and "allocate". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically.
The idiom “arm’s length transaction” refers to a transaction in which the buyers and sellers of a product act independently and have no relationship to each other. The concept of an arm's length transaction is to ensure that both parties in the deal are acting in their own self-interest and are not subject to any pressure or duress from the other party.
The given sentence wants to convey that such type of financing is needed for the better allocation of resources in case of long term projects.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

16. The word “need” after the first blank indicates that the word in the blank should have a tone of urgency. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “critical” and “pressing”. Hence options B, C and E are eliminated.

The second blank describes the nature of the “pricing of irrigation water” The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “efficient”. The word “finance” is irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates option A as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

17. From the given sentence, we can infer that it would be useful to separate the agricultural and social-sector lending from the rest and form a another entity. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “breaking” and “hiving”. Hence options B, D and E are eliminated.

For the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “privatized”, i.e., the sentence refers to the ‘denationalization’ of corporate lending part of the PSBs. The word "humanized" lends an absurd meaning to this sentence. This eliminates options A as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

18. The first blank refers to the proper following of “safety norms”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “implementation”, “enforcement” and “execution”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank refers to involvement of people who flouted these rules and should be punished. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “complicit” which means ‘involved with others in an activity that is unlawful or morally wrong’. The words “implicit" and “explicit” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

19. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "putting" and "house". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Here, the phrasal verb “putting up” means ‘bearing with’.

Further, in countries where the legislature or parliament is divided into two groups of members, the “lower house” is usually the larger and more

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representative group. The Lok Sabha or House of the People is the lower house of India's bicameral Parliament.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

20. We cannot eliminate any choices when it comes to the first blank. The elimination of choices can be done only when we consider both the blanks together. The words “lessor” and “lessee” are often confused and used interchangeably by mistake.

The word “lessor” means ‘a person who leases or lets a property to another; a landlord’.

The word “lessee” means ‘a person who holds the lease of a property; a tenant’.

“Lease” is the contract made between the “lessor” and the “lessee”.

Understanding this, we are able to eliminate the options A, B, D and E.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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1. The public sector has been called the private sector of politicians, used for creating patronage ________ and ________ .

A. networks, kickbacks
B. buildings, hospitals
C. malls, complexes
D. relations, assets
E. forms, figures

2. If people fail to realize the ________ of the water crisis India is facing and fail to be ________ into action then there are bound to be many more Chennais.

A. magnitude, recommended
B. intensity, galvanized
C. weather, forced
D. acuteness, ploughed
E. behemoth, strewn

3. The internal and concurrent audit system of banks is intended to red ________ risks in real time, but has failed and must be ________ up.

A. hood, kept
B. flag, shored
C. dress, developed
D. salute, prodded
E. dame, given

4. Further, to augment bond market liquidity, corporates need to be encouraged to ________ exiting bonds under the same International Securities Identification Number, to duly shore up floating ________ .

A. redistribute, stakes
B. frame, images
C. reissue, stocks
D. recirculate, steaks
E. expunge, companies

5. Population growth tapers off with ________ literacy, access to contraception, and social and economic ________ .

A. increased, progress
B. decreased, progress
C. improved, regress
D. stagnant, duress

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E. mediocre, brevity

6. Reportedly, heavy machines could not reach the collapsed building in the Dongri area in South Mumbai as the lanes, with overhead wires ________ , were too ________ to admit them.

A. hanging, wide
B. flying, fast
C. drooping, broad
D. dangling, narrow
E. making, slow

7. The idea of a single large PSB mimicking the Life Insurance Corporation of India model in the insurance space may be considered, but such an entity could create serious distortions, such as ________ hazard stemming from the too-big-to- ________ syndrome, with the next biggest bank being on-fourth its size.

A. serious, drown
B. mortal, shut
C. moral, fail
D. factual, protect
E. irresponsible, ground

8. This focus on procedures over outcomes is a recipe for bad management, and explains why PSUs tend to perform so much ________ than their private sector ________ .

A. worse, peers
B. bad, counterparts
C. poorer, friends
D. shoddier, foes
E. disaster, colleagues

9. Occupational safety and health are important for improved ________ and ________ .

A. men, women
B. boys, girls
C. assets, markets
D. productivity, growth
E. chemicals, drugs

10. Rapid urbanisation and rising ________ in rainfall patterns make it ________ that we transparently manage water resources nationally.

A. variability, imperative
B. assurance, necessary
C. fluctuations, inefficient

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D. uncertainty, indifferent

E. costs, compulsary

11. The short-term priority is to remove ________ clauses in policies and ________ coverage to as many people as possible.

A. defamatory, exempt

B. discriminatory, expand

C. enriching, withheld

D. degrading, magnifies

E. boring, stop

12. The activities approved for toting up a teacher's ________ performance indicator are many, ________ beyond teaching and research.

A. popularity, training

B. academic, extending

C. cuteness, going

D. strength, power

E. happiness, great

13. Problems of exclusion will be eliminated if the payer-insurer is the state, the ________ is done through public taxes, and coverage is ________ .

A. loading, unreal

B. funding, imaginary

C. financing, universal

D. projection, hazy

E. sponsoring, questionable

14. Delayed monsoons, preceded by a ________ monsoon last year, and depleting groundwater levels have ________ the crisis.

A. Deficient, exacerbated

B. derogatory, promoted

C. poor, fancied

D. enjoyable, viewed

E. enhancing, borne

15. In addition, growing ________ of society on ideological lines has made the job of ________ fake news easier.

A. masses, observing

B. divergence, collecting

C. numbers, sorting

D. polarization, spreading

E. multitude, financing

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16. Investors can think of putting in at least 10 per cent of their savings in gold as it has the _________ to be an _________ for the portfolio in a fragile trade environment.

A. purpose, disturbance
B. status, inspiration
C. potential, insurance
D. possibility, indictment
E. reasoning, arrangement

17. Central banks across the globe are preparing to loosen monetary policies, to _________ their respective economies and it is expected that gold will continue the ongoing _________ .

A. spur, momentum
B. inspire, synergy
C. enervate, juncture
D. encourage, matches
E. design, cooperation

18. Basic principles of credit _________ and monitoring are obviated in PSBs and must be sharpened to _________ defects of capital, business purpose and character.

A. lending, reduce
B. assessment, emphasize
C. evaluation, clarify
D. appraisal, diagnose
E. prevention, roughen

19. Buildings must _________ be examined and certified for safety, and those that fail to _________ to the NBC must be demolished.

A. surely, stick
B. intermittently, respect
C. intensely, purview
D. periodically, conform
E. positively, toughen

20. Promoters of MSMEs must have _________ in the game to ensure that funds — venture capital, as well as bank loans made liberal by fiat — are not _________ off.

A. interest, taken
B. name, bought
C. skin, siphoned
D. feet, stolen
E. hands, signed

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Solutions

1. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "networks" and "kickbacks". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. The sentence says that politicians gain a lot of private favours by sponsoring the public sector through set-ups and bribes. Option A is hence the correct answer.

2. “Water crisis” after the first blank indicates that the blank refers to the level of water crisis. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “magnitude”, “intensity” and “acuteness”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

The second blank tries to convey that if people fail to be inspired to take action then there would be more regions with severe water crisis. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “galvanized” which means ‘shock or excite someone into taking action’. The words “recommended" and “ploughed” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is “flag” and that for the second blank is “shored”. All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

A red flag (Idiom)

Meaning: A sign or signal indicating potential, incipient, or imminent danger or trouble.

E.g.: There are a couple of red flags you need to look out for to make sure your company stays profitable.

Shored up (Phrasal verb)

Meaning: to make something stronger by supporting it

E.g.: The plan will enable his company to shore up its financial position.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The words “exiting bonds” after the first blank indicate that the blank is a word that conveys that these bonds need to re-enter the market. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are

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"redistribute", "reissue" and "recirculate". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank has to have a meaning similar to 'bonds' as the reissue of bonds would help to support it. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "stocks" which means 'shares which entitles the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends'. The words "stakes" and "steaks" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. The statement wants to convey that population growth will decrease if people become more aware and educated. In the context of the sentence, "increased" or "improved" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as population growth will also decrease if social and economic conditions are improved, "progress" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. "Overhead wires" before the first blank indicate that the blank describes the state of the wires. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "hanging", "drooping" and "dangling". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank refers to the reason why the lanes could not permit the heavy machines to reach the collapsed building. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "narrow" meaning that the lanes were not wide enough. The words "wide" and "broad" are opposite to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is "moral" and that for the second blank is "fail". All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

Moral hazard (Concept used in Economics)

Meaning: lack of incentive to guard against risk where one is protected from its consequences.

E.g.: Comprehensive insurance policies decrease incentive to take care of your possessions and leads to moral hazard.

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Too-big-to-fail
Meaning: When a financial organization or other business is too-big-to-fail, it so important to the economy of a country that a government or central bank must take measures to prevent it from ceasing to trade or going bankrupt.
E.g.: He caused a stir earlier this month when he said that no company was too big to fail.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. “Bad management” indicates that the performance of the PSUs would be negative. The conjunction “than” after the second blank signifies that it will be in comparative degree. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “worse”, “poorer” and “shoddier”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.
The comparison of the performance of PSUs has been made with that of equivalent organizations in the private sector. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “peers”. The words “friends" and “foes” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "productivity" and "growth". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The sentence wants to convey that healthy workers are able to perform better and hence the safety and health of workers contribute greatly to the overall productivity.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. The word “rainfall” after the first blank indicates that the word describes the state of rainfall patterns. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “variability”, “fluctuations” and “uncertainty”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.
The second blank tries to convey that it is important to “transparently manage water resources”. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “imperative” which means ‘of vital importance; crucial’. The words “inefficient" and “indifferent” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.
Option A is hence the correct answer.

11. The sentence refers to removal of clauses that have negative intent. Hence, "defamatory", "discriminatory", and "degrading" would fit in the first blank. Hence, options C and E can be eliminated.

The latter part of the sentence goes on to say that after the removal of the aforementioned clauses, the coverage of the policies should be increased. So, the appropriate word here would be "expand", making option B the correct answer. Option D would have been correct if it was “magnify” instead of “magnifies”.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

12. Option D and E are grammatically incorrect. Options A and C are contextually inappropriate. They present an absurd meaning and hence can be eliminated.

Option B fits in the tone and context of the sentence.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

13. The first blank refers to what should be done through “public taxes” and hence, “funding” , “financing” or “sponsoring” may fit the first blank. However, “loading” and “projection” do not reflect this meaning. Hence, options A and D can be eliminated.

For the second blank, the appropriate word should be something that fits with the overall theme of eliminating the problem of exclusion. Hence, only “universal” meaning 'widespread or collective' fits the second blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

14. The sentence talks about reducing groundwater levels due to less rainfall for two consecutive years. In the context of the sentence, the only possible word that can fit the first blank is either “deficient" or "poor". This eliminates the options B, D and E.

For the second blank, a word that talks about worsening the crisis would be most appropriate. Only the word "exacerbated" meaning 'aggravated or intensified' correctly describes the situation of "the crisis".

Option A is hence the correct answer.

15. The sentence talks about the increasing ‘division’ of society “on ideological grounds”. In the context of the sentence, the only possible word that can fit the first blank is either “divergence" or "polarization". This eliminates the options A, C and E.

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For the second blank, a word that implies that the 'circulation' of fake news has become "easier" is most appropriate. Only the word "spreading" is apt for the second blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

16. In the context of the sentence, "potential" or "probability" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options A, B and E. Further, as diversification of portfolio by investing in gold provides a protection, "insurance" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option D gets eliminated as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

17. Central banks "loosen monetary policies" so as to 'stimulate' economies. In the context of the sentence, the only possible words that can fit the first blank are "spur", "inspire" or "encourage". This eliminates the options C and E.

The word "ongoing" before the second blank, implies that a force has already been set in motion and would be continued. In other words, the "momentum" would be continued. This eliminated options B and D.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

18. The word "monitoring" indicates that the sentence refers to 'credit review.' In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are "assessment", "evaluation" and appraisal". Hence options A and E are eliminated.

In order to eliminate the "defects of capital", the shortcomings must first be identified and analysed. The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "diagnose". "Emphasize" or "clarify" defects does not indicate this meaning and this eliminates options B and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

19. The sentence refers to the fact that buildings should be examined 'from time to time'. In the context of the sentence, "intermittently" or "periodically" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options A, C and E. Further, as buildings that fail 'obey' the standards must demolished, "conform" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option B gets eliminated as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

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20. In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is “skin” and that for the second blank is “siphoned”. All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.
Skin in the game (Idiom)
Meaning: to be at risk financially because you have invested in something that you want to happen
E.g.: You take more ownership of something when you have some skin in the game.
Siphoned off (Phrasal verb)
Meaning: to gradually steal money or goods, usually from a business or government
E.g.: Over the years, she siphoned off hundreds of thousands of dollars from various accounts.
Option C is hence the correct answer.

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1. The investigation is at a crucial stage, therefore, if the accused is granted bail at this stage, it will _______ collection of further evidence.

A. impede
B. hinder
C. obstruct
D. hamper
E. All of the above

2. Bishop's counsel also _______ that further detention was not needed since he had been interrogated for hours before and after his arrest.

A. ordered
B. claimed
C. acclaimed
D. confessed
E. All of the above

3. The arrival of tourists to the destination has _________ considerably after the Nipah outbreak in Kozhikode district.

A. declined
B. surged
C. enjoyed
D. repulsed
E. All of the above

4. The spectacular show by Tata Motors in September clearly indicates that the company's new generation cars are now finding buyers even in ______ times.

A. dense
B. commendatory
C. inept
D. difficult
E. All of the above

5. A handful of farmers _________ at Kisan Ghat in the morning said that they were there for some mental peace.

A. heaped

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B. gathered
C. squandered
D. stacked
E. All of the above

6. The scheme seeks to _______ coverage for hospitalisation at the secondary and tertiary levels of healthcare.

A. Promote
B. Tend
C. Provide
D. Guard
E. None of the above

7. The public health expenditure in India, despite recent increases in _______, has been little over 1% of the gross domestic product (GDP).

A. Allocations
B. Ramifications
C. Results
D. Fragments
E. None of the above

8. It is important to note, however, that obtaining _______ estimates of the extent of discrimination through self-reports is not a straight forward exercise.

A. Ascertaining
B. Accurate
C. Astonishing
D. Utilized E. Ernest

9. The legal machinery for women's rights is also at a _______ stage, with the State Commission for Women (SCW) established in 2005 only.

A. Bearing
B. Terminating
C. Yielding
D. Tragic
E. Nascent

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10. The Adivasi women of Jharkhand negotiate with power structures within the family system and society, and are further _______ in gender hegemonies that are part of larger shifts in the political economy.

A. Entrapped
B. Escaped
C. Rescued
D. Determined
E. None of the above

11. Partnerships with edtech firms help students _________ their skills and become _________ to the ecosystem.

A. hone, relevant
B. model, master
C. polish, controlling
D. love, bigger
E. categorize, cogs

12. The goods and services tax creates _________ trails across the income and production chain, and is driving _________ of the economy and better measures of MSME value addition and cash flow.

A. assessment, securitization
B. audit, formalization
C. withering, work
D. inspection, denizens
E. broad, stages

13. The bank holding company structure _________ by the P.J. Nayak Committee, among others, involves _________ the government's shareholding to below 52 per cent and routing it through a holding company.

A. suggested, investing
B. recommended, divesting
C. forwarded, controlling
D. donated, pursuing
E. discarded, eliminating

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14. The government must focus on water _________ , protection of water bodies, bumping up distribution networks and make rainwater _________ a mandatory feature in new housing.

A. preservation, harbouring

B. fermentation, issuing

C. conservation, harvesting

D. management, humouring

E. existence, queuing

15. Having _________ this victory, New Delhi must now chart the future course of its _________ with Pakistan.

A. secured, relations

B. lost, promotions

C. fortified, facilities

D. expressed, viewership

E. enhanced, brotherhood

16. The need is to _________ housing stock to a level where people do not have to spend a large slice of their income on rent and to have sensible rent laws that foster a market for rented accommodation, rather than hoarding of empty houses by owners fearful of losing possession of their investment to permanent _________ .

A. augment, shareholders

B. explain, builders

C. expand, companies

D. boost, tenants E. make, promoters

17. Besides issues regarding peace and stability in the region, Modi _________ India's energy concerns and said although Iran supplied as much as 11% of its needs, it had reduced oil _________ from the West Asian country even though this hurt the economy.

A. described, exports

B. studied, security

C. delineated, imports

D. explained, projects

E. reduced, responsibility

18. The government must consider setting up a ________ agency under the ministry of labour to deal with developing standards, monitoring establishments, and ________ of standards across the economy.

A. dedicated, enforcement
B. recurrent, solemnity
C. committed, seriousness
D. exclusive, mantle
E. dodgy, cooperation

19. To believe that the problem of ________ journals on the UGC's whitelist is the sole issue awaiting ________ in the university would be naive.

A. dangerous, test
B. silly, visit
C. dubious, resolution
D. future, development
E. useless, help

20. It is the Centre's responsibility to ensure that the Environment Protection Act, the ________ law that enables anti-pollution rules to be issued, is ________ in letter and spirit.

A. overarching, implemented
B. ancient, assumed
C. principal, controlled
D. primary, rejected
E. controlling, gone

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1. All the given words are synonyms of obstruct, which means to block something. This goes well with the context in a way that the bail grant to accused may adversely affect the collection of further evidences. All the words are grammatically correct as well. Hence option E is correct.

2. 'Ordered' means is contextually wrong as the counsel of Bishop is not in authority to pass an order. It is the authority of a Judge. 'claimed' means stated, which absolutely fits the blank. 'Acclaimed' means to praise which is also absurd. 'Confessed' means to accept something, whereas here counsel is

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expressing its opinion. Thus confessed is incontextual. Hence option B is correct.

3. 'Declined' means lessen, which is both grammatically as well contextually correct, as due to dissemination of Nipah virus, arrival of tourists decreased significantly.

'Surged' means increased, which is opposite to the required one. 'Less' is grammatically wrong. 'Repulsed' means rejected which is contextually wrong. Hence option A is correct.

4. 'Dense' means completely covered or opaque, which is incontextual.

'Commendatory' means favourable, which is also absurd here because the word 'even' indicates a contradictory situation here.

'Inept' means unskillful, which is irrelevant to the context.

'Difficult' clearly suits the context as it justifies the contradicton of Tata motor's good performance inspite of bad time for the industry.

Hence option D is correct.

5. 'Heaped' and 'Stacked' are used to arrange something one above another, which is incontextual. 'Squandered' means to waste something recklessly, which is also absurd here. 'Gathered' means accumulated, which goes well with the context that the farmers were gathered at a certain place. Hence option B is correct.

6. According to the given context of the statement, it is clear that we are talking about the details of a certain scheme in which it is promised that secondary and tertiary healthcare services will be provided to the beneficiaries of the scheme.

Among the given options, A seems correct but it will not be able to imply the correct meaning of the statement whereas option C is the correct choice as the word to fill in the blank as it implies the intended meaning of the statement. Other two words are out of context in case of this statement.

The complete sentence would be:

The scheme seeks to **provide** coverage for hospitalisation at the secondary and tertiary levels of healthcare.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

7. According to the context of the passage, it is implied that the public health expenditure in the country is only 1 percent of the total GDP of the country though the budgetary allocations have also been increased recently by the Union Government.

Among the given options, it is clear that Option A is the correct choice as we are talking about budgetary allocations in the statement. Other words are not relevant in the given context and can be ruled out very easily without much consideration. *Ramifications* refer to consequences of some action.

The complete statement would be:

The public health expenditure in India, despite recent increases in **allocations,** has been little over 1% of the gross domestic product (GDP).

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

8. According to the given context of the statement, it is implied that the result of the elf-surveys cannot give us the credible data regarding the extent of discrimination against the backward classes of the society in the country.

Among the given options, only Option B seems appropriate in the given context since all the other words would not make any sense if placed in the blank given in this statement. Therefore all the other words can be eliminated from consideration.

The complete sentence would be:

It is important to note, however, that obtaining **accurate** estimates of the extent of discrimination through self-reports is not a straight forward exercise.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

9. According to the context of the statement, the legal machinery for protection of women's rights in India are not very old and they are yet to do something substantial. It is because these organizations are still at the nascent stage only.

Among the given options, E directly implies the meaning of the sentence as intended whereas other options are can be eliminated easily from the consideration since they do not imply the intended meaning of the passage.

The complete sentence would be:

The legal machinery for women's rights is also at a **nascent** stage, with the State Commission for Women (SCW) established in 2005 only.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.

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10. According to the context of the given sentence, it implies that the Aduvsi women have to face a lot of things and also there is patriarchal society that does not give any right to the women of the community. Among the given options, B is not correct since women are not escaping from the society as per the context whereas C and D are also out of context as per the given implication of the statement. Only option A is there that implies the reality of Adivasi women in Jharkhand where they are not treated at par with the male members of the society.

The complete sentence would be:

The Adivasi women of Jharkhand negotiate with power structures within the family system and society, and are further **entrapped** in gender hegemonies that are part of larger shifts in the political economy.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

11. In the context of the sentence, "hone" or "polish" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as refining their skills would help the students become a better and more significant part of the work ecosystem, "relevant" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

12. The words “goods and services tax” before the first blank indicates that the word describes the type of trails that the GST has helped to create. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “assessment”, “audit” and “inspection”. Hence options C and E are eliminated. The second blank refers to the impact of GST on the economy. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “formalization” which means ‘given a definite structure or shape to’. The words “securitization" and “denizens” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

13. From the given sentence, we can infer that the bank holding company was given by the Nayak Committee along with others. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “suggested”, “recommended” and “forwarded”. Hence options D and E are eliminated.

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The clue to the second blank lies in the information that the government's shareholding must be brought down to "below 52 percent". The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "divesting", i.e., 'reducing the investment' in the company. "Investing" or "controlling" does not indicate this meaning and this eliminates options A and C as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

14. The word "protection" after the first blank indicates that the word in the blank would have a similar meaning. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "preservation", "conservation" and "management". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The word "rainwater" before the second blank indicates that the word is a feature related to rainwater. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "harvesting". "Rainwater harvesting" is a technique of collection and storage of rainwater into natural reservoirs or tanks, or the infiltration of surface water into subsurface aquifers before it is lost as surface runoff. The words "harbouring" and "humouring" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

15. In the context of the sentence, "secured" or "fortified" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as the aforementioned victory has already been taken care of, New Delhi has to decide on the type of future 'associations' with Pakistan. Hence "relations" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

16. The sentence refers to increasing the housing units so that "people do not have to spend a large slice of their income on rent". In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "augment", "expand" and "boost". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The "owners", i.e., 'landlords' of empty houses are fearful that permanent 'renters' would not vacate the houses. . The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "tenants" which means 'persons who occupy land or property rented from a landlord'. The words "shareholders" and "companies" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

17. From the given sentence, we can infer that in addition to discussing about peace and stability, Modi also discussed about India's energy concerns. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are "described", "delineated" and "explained". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The clue to the second blank lies in the word "from" after it indicating that a reduction in what India was taking "hurt the economy". The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "exports" expressing that a reduction in oil exports from Iran hurt India's economy. "Exports" mean the opposite and "projects" is irrelevant to the meaning of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

18. The word "agency" after the first blank indicates that the word describes the nature of agency that is to be set up. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "dedicated", "committed" and "exclusive". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The aforementioned agency is supposed to deal with "developing standards, monitoring establishments" and the second line has to be in line with the nature of these functions. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "enforcement" indicating that the agency should also take care of the implementation of standards. The words "seriousness" and "mantle" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

19. The word "problem" reflects a tone of ' difficult and demanding ' and hence only "dangerous" and "dubious" would fit the blank. Options B, D and E lack this reasoning and can be eliminated.

Since the word "awaiting" before the second blank points towards the solution of the problem mentioned previously, "resolution" would fit the blank aptly. So, option A which is inappropriate with "test" can also be eliminated.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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20. The sentence refers to the main law that permits anti-pollution laws to be issued. Hence, "overarching", "principal", and "primary" would fit in the first blank. Hence, options B and E can be eliminated.

The latter part of the sentence goes on to say that the law must be followed in 'letter and spirit' which means that both the literal meaning and the intent of the law should be followed. So, the appropriate word here would be "implemented". "Rejected" means the opposite, so option D should be eliminated. "Controlled" is irrelevant as the sentence is talking about the execution of the law. So, it negates the possibility of option C as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

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1. LoUs are among the most popular instruments to _______ overseas credit by importers — known as buyers' credit in banking _______ — because of their attractive pricing. It is estimated that overall, bank finance for imports into India is around $140 billion, of which over 60% is funded through such buyers' credit.

A. Get, shout

B. Secure, parlance

C. Intake, slang

D. Apply, terminology

E. None of the above

2. Sixteen years ago Hannah Taylor woke up with a fever. Her legs began to swell to four times their normal size. They have been that way since. People _______ her because of their putrid smell. The elephantiasis ailing her was caused by a mosquito-born infection that could have been treated safely with a pill costing no more than $0.50 before it progressed. Instead, microscopic worms infested her body, causing _______ and irreversible damage.

A. Shunned, catastrophic

B. Leave, puny

C. Took, ailing

D. Accepted, huge

E. None of the above

3. The NITI Aayog has given a refreshingly new focus to the _______ on industrial policy and has repeated a classical perspective on the manufacturing sector as an engine of growth and the need to remove many _______ from the industrial policy environment.

A. Reference, difficulty

B. Judging, obliterated

C. Thinking, cobwebs

D. Sensible, obsolete

E. None of the above

4. Integrated Water Resources Management gives every individual the right to a minimum quantity of _______ water for essential health and hygiene and makes available within easy reach of the household and also, the state's responsibility for ensuring people's right to water remains despite the corporatisation of water services and the _______, where it is considered necessary and appropriate, should be subject to this provision.

A. Portable, former

B. Portentous, next

C. Potable, latter

D. Palatable, prior

E. None of the above

5. It is becoming increasingly likely that the _______ trade war between America and China will develop into the real thing. On June 15th the Trump administration published two lists of Chinese products it plans to hit with tariffs of 25%, worth $50bn in 2018. The first will come into force on July 6th. The Chinese snapped back with their own list, laying out a _______ of equal size.

A. Phoney, retaliation

B. Faking, renegade

C. True, revenge

D. Dubious, reciprocation

E. None of the above

6. With a whole lot of games ________ in the coming months from the post-apocalyptic genre, everybody will be able to ________ the world after the unthinkable has happened.

A. Retiring, exploit

B. Rejecting, report

C. Releasing, explore

D. Launching, visualize

E. Opening, understand

7. At a ________ store recently launched by a Kochi-based startup at the city's Gold Souk Grande Mall, customers get a ________ experience of what cashier-less shopping feels like.

A. Mechanical, true
B. Engineered, realistic
C. Automated, hands-free
D. Fully-automated, hands-on
E. Automated, lifetime

8. Holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assembly may have larger ________, but there is a ________ that it could disadvantage regional parties.

A. Ramifications, complexion
B. Impact, synthesis
C. Benefits, perception
D. Beginning, problem
E. None of the above

9. But the people of Telangana are going to ________ him by what he did in the last four years, and not by what he ________ to do in the next few weeks.

A. Judge, intends
B. Reject, restricts
C. Reciprocate, proposes
D. Rectify, plans
E. None of the above

10. The large-scale ________ of troops by the Syrian government and its allies around the province, has led to speculation about an ________ attack as well as calls to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe.

A. Realization, eminent
B. Mutilation, excellent
C. Mobilization, imminent
D. Resources, extreme
E. Assimilation, assumed

11. The employment situation in India is a very _______ challenge that must be acknowledged, confronted and for which we must debate solutions.

A. Positive

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B. Dispersion
C. Grim
D. Serious
A. AB B. BD C. AC D. CD E. None of the above

12. In India, a regulatory body should be expected only to regulate and not to formulate policy, which is the function of the ________ .

A. Legislature
B. Parliament
C. Judiciary
D. Executive
A. AB B. BC C. CD D. BD E. None of the above

13. Having the second largest standing army in the world or putting satellites in orbit will not make a country a great power if our children grow up into adults who are simply not __________to build a great economy or a great nation.

A. Equipped
B. Fit
C. Supplies
D. Accoutred
A. BC B. CD C. AB D. AD E. None of the above

14. Even though the American rhetoric against Pakistan is viewed highly favourably in India, the freezing of U.S.-Pakistan relations could potentially have___________ implications for the country, certainly in the medium to long term.

A. Positive
B. Negative
C. Averse
D. Adverse
A. AC B. AD C. BD D. CD E. None of the above

15. Bitcoin, the popular digital currency whose ________ rise in price last year surprised many of its critics, has lost almost half its market value in just the last month.

A. Meteoric
B. Hazy

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C. Tepid
D. Spectacular
A. BC B. BD C. AD D. BC E. None of the above

16. A reversal in repo rate hike is unlikely till global headwinds clear up and the mandarins in New Delhi work out a ________ strategy to minimise the inflation transmission from global oil prices.

A. Specious
B. Feasible
C. Viable
D. Untenable
A. AC B. BD C. BC D. AD E. None of the above

17. Tariffs that ________ to disadvantage foreign producers in favour of domestic producers, whether they are imposed by the U.S. or any of its major trading partners such as Europe or China, only increase the burden of taxes.

A. Aims
B. Intend
C. Entreat
D. Seek
A. AD B. BD C. BC D. CD E. None of the above

18. SEBI proposed new norms for 'crowdfunding'— a move that would help start-up companies raise capital and also check misuse of such ________.

A. Avenues
B. Channels
C. Egresses
D. Approaches
A. AB B. BC C. BD D. AC E. None of the above

19. The photocopying of sensitive documents on the war capacity of the Rafale combat aircraft and their ________ is a conspiracy affecting national security.

A. Leakage
B. Purpose
C. Aim
D. Disclosure

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A. AB B. BC C. AD D. CD E. None of the above

20. The U.S. has said Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) is a threat to regional ______ and peace.

A. Stoutness
B. Stability
C. Sanity
D. Security
A. AC B. AB C. BC D. BD E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Option A: *Shout* does not make sense. Option C: Both words do not fit in. Option D: *Apply* should have been followed by *for* and is incorrect. Option B: Both the words are a perfect fit. Hence, option B is correct.

2. Option B: *Leave* is not grammatically correct. *Puny* is opposite of what is needed. Option C: *Took* is opposite of what is needed. Option D: *Accepted* is opposite of what is needed. Option A: Both the words are a perfect fit. Hence, option A is correct.

3. Option A: *Many difficulty* is incorrect. Option B: Both the words do not make sense here. *Obliterate* means *to destroy*. Option D: *Sensible* is an adjective while we need a verb here. *Obsolete* means *old*. Option C: Both the words are a perfect fit. Hence, option C is correct.

4. The only option that fits in the first blank is *potable* which means drinkable. *Portentous* means *pretentious* and is absurd here. *Palatable* means *edible*.
The second blank of option C also makes for a good fit in the blank.
Hence, option C is correct.

5. Option B: The correct word would have been *fake*. *Renegade* means *a traitor* and is absurd here.
Option C: *True* is opposite of what is needed. *Revenge* is incorrect as it should not have been preceded by article 'a'.
Option D: *Dubious* means *doubtful* and is absurd.
Option A: Both the words are a perfect fit. *Phoney* means *fake*. *Retaliation* means *revenge*.
Hence, option A is correct.

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6. The given sentence implies something related to the new games coming in the post-apocalyptic genre which will give some kind of experience to the general public.

Now, coming to option A, if games are retiring they will not able to give new experiences to the users and this is completely out of context in the given sentence.

Option B is not correct because with rejection of games in the post-apocalyptic genre, it would not be possible to do anything with the games and this will render the given sentence illogical.

Option D is not correct though launch can be a valid word in the given context. It is because the form of the verb is not correct and it will not imply the intended meaning. It should have been 'being launched' since that would mean that somebody is launching the games as games cannot be launched by their own.

Option E is also not correct since opening does not go well with the given context and actually it is not correct to use this in the sentence as well. This makes it useless to even consider the next word given in the option.

Option C is the correct choice since games can be released and also with something that does not exist in reality it would be thrilling to experience the world like that. It would be kind of exploration of something new in a new kind of world.

It makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

7. The given statement implies that there is some important development in Kochi where a startup company has launched something that enables cashier-less shopping experience.

Now, coming to the options, both the words in option A are irrelevant since mechanical store will not be able to give cashier-less shopping experience to the consumers.

Option B is also not correct since the article used is wrong if the first word is considered as the correct one and this makes it inconsequential to even consider the second word for the second blank in the given sentence.

Option C is also not correct since the same error as in the previous option is there in the options in this case as well. This can also be eliminated safely from our consideration.

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Option E is also not correct because of a word starting with a vowel and the usage of ‘a’ as the article preceding it.

Option D is the correct choice because the shop is about cashier-less shopping experience and that can be provided by only a fully-automated shop and both the words fit the context perfectly in the given statement.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

8. The given statement implies that holding simultaneous polls will have different effects on the national parties and the regional players. It is made clear by the fact that ‘but’ has been used to connect the two parts and it is used to connect two contrasting parts only.

Now coming to the Options, Option A is not correct since *ramifications* implies consequences and it seems right in the context but the second blank cannot be filled with *conclusion* since that will not make the sentence logical.

Option B is not correct because the word *synthesis* for the second blank is not correct. The first word *impact* for the first blank fits in the context

Option D is not correct because *beginning* cannot be used in the first blank as it will not make meaningful sentence. It makes the second word inconsequential to even consider for the second blank.

Option C will be the correct choice because the first blank can be filled with *benefits* whereas the second blank should have something that implies that there is an idea regarding the disadvantage of regional parties in case of simultaneous polls.

It makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

9. The given statement implies that the people of Telengana will have opinions about him with respect to his past actions and not what he will do in the future. It seems that the sentence is about support to a political party on the basis of its actions in the last few years.

Option B is not correct because it does not make the statement meaningful. The first blank may be filled with *reject* which will imply that the people of Telengana will reject him anyway but the second blank will not be filled with *restricts* since that will make the whole sentence illogical.

Option C is not correct because the first word given for the first blank does not fit in the context and there is no point thinking over the second word given. This can be eliminated safely as *reciprocate* implies doing the same thing to

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somebody in return and it is about supporting some party and not doing the same to it, in the given context.

Option D is also not correct because the people cannot rectify him as that is illogical in terms of the usage of the word in this context. There is no point considering the second word given for the second blank. Option A is correct because people of the state are going to judge the political party and its leader on the basis of its actions in the last few years in power and he may now say something that he wants to do in the next few years but that is of no use now as far as getting support of people is concerned.

It makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

10. The given statement implies that the Syrian Government and its allies must have got their troops around the province and that is causing the perception that they will attack the province soon.

Option A is not correct because realization of troops is not correct usage and it is illogical to use this phrase. The second word is also out of context since eminent implies somebody who is a prominent and renowned person.

Option B is not correct because according to the given context, the attack on the province cannot be called as excellent and it will be completely irrelevant to use this word in this given context.

Option D is not correct because the first word for the first blank is not perfect as resources will not be the right word for this blank. The second word may be used to imply that the attack was severe though the word extreme is not the appropriate word for the context and there are better words to denote the implication intended in this sentence.

Option E is not correct because assimilation of troops is completely illogical and hence this choice can be safely eliminated from our consideration.

Option C is the correct choice because the government and its allies have got the troops around the province and this can be explained well by the given word mobilization whereas the second blank can also be filled with the word imminent which will mean an impending attack on the said province. So, both the words are correct for the given blanks.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

11. The statement talks about challenge and hence the tone is *serious* and *negative*. Thus, *positive* can be eliminated. *Dispersion* means *diffusion* and is

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irrelevant. *Grim* and *serious* both fit in well with the statement and also convey the seriousness of the situation. Hence, option D is correct.

12. Clearly, *lawmaking* is the function of the *Legislature*- also called *Parliament* in India. *Judiciary* and *Executive* do not have this function and are incorrect. Hence, option A is correct.

13. *Supplies* means *reserve of goods* etc and is illogical here. *Accoutred* means *to equip with an outfit*. This is also absurd in the present context. *Equipped* and *fit* are correct contextually and grammatically. Hence, option C is correct

14. The statement begins with '*even though'* and thus indicates some form of *contradiction*. Thus, the blank should have *unfavorable implications*.

Positive can be eliminated.

Averse means *reluctant* and is irrelevant.

Both *negative* and *adverse* mean unfavorable and fit well in the blanks.

Hence, option C is correct.

15. The rise of the Bitcoin *surprised* its critics and thus should ideally be *above-normal*. *Hazy* means *unclear*. *Tepid* means *lukewarm/unenthusiastic*. *Meteoric* and *spectacular* both mean *rapid/sudden* and are correct. Hence, option C is correct.

16. *Viable* and *feasible* both mean *capable of working successfully*.

Specious and *untenable* are synonyms and refer to not *being able to maintain/defend against an attack or objection*.

Clearly, B and C fit in well.

Hence, option C is correct.

17. *Aims* is correct in terms of meaning but incorrect in terms of grammar. The correct form would be *aim*. *Entreat* means to *ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something. Intend* and *Seek* both mean *aim* and fit in well. Hence, BD fits in the blank. Thus, option B is correct.

18. *Egress* means *to go out of or leave (a place)*. *Approach* means *a way of dealing with a situation or problem. Channel* means *a method or system. Avenue* here refers to a *method or system*. Both A and B fit in well. The others do not fit in meaningfully. Hence, option A is correct.

19. The sentence seems to imply that sensitive documents should not be photocopied because if some unlawful identities happen to access these documents, it may create threat to our country's security.

Clearly, only the words ‘leakage’ and ‘disclosure’ are filling the blank most appropriately.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

20. As we know that the JEM is a terrorist outfit, it’s main purpose is to destroy stability, security or safety of the place where it wants to establish its own set of rules. Clearly, among the choices available the words ‘stability’ and ‘security’ fill in the blank most appropriately.

‘Stoutness’ means ‘bravery’ or ‘determination’ and is therefore out of context. Same is the case with the word ‘Sanity’ which means ‘the ability to think and behave in a normal and rational manner’.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

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1. _______ in exports of gems & jewellery and engineering goods, two major product groups, slowed down India's export growth to 0.80 per cent in November. Other items which posted _______ in exports include marine products, leather goods, meat, dairy & poultry products, yarn, fruits, oil seeds and tea. Engineering goods, which is the second largest export item after petroleum products, posted a 16.35 per cent _______ in exports in November to $5.9 billion.

A. Failure
B. Retrograde
C. Prospects
D. Fall
E. None of the above

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is likely to announce loan _______ worth billions of dollars to woo millions of farmers ahead of a general election. Farm loan _______ would be the biggest help the government has ever provided to farmers, said the officials, who did not wish to be identified in line with government policy. The previous Congress party-led coalition government had announced farm loan _______ worth nearly Rs 72,000 crore in 2008, helping it return to power with a bigger mandate in 2009.

A. Waivers
B. Ramifications
C. Turnings
D. Determinations
E. None of the above

3. PSBs meet their capital requirement through various sources including _______ of capital from the market through issuance of capital instruments, monetisation of non-core assets etc. Since the recapitalisation announcement till November 2018, PSBs have been recapitalized to the

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tune of Rs 1, 28,861 crore through infusion and _______ of capital from the market. The new company is looking forward to _______ of funds from the foreign markets through the external commercial borrowing.

A. Capital
B. Mobilization
C. Ratification
D. Determination
E. Fragmentation

4. In India's hierarchical rural order, the disadvantaged are unable to access insurance, welfare and loan _______ managed by multiple agencies. These _______ are manipulated by landed interests in collusion with government and bank officials — unless this is checked by concerted socio-political intervention. Many states such as Telangana have shown the way with various effective _______ in this regard, and reaped handsome political dividends.

A. Status
B. Schemes
C. Functions
D. Traits
E. None of the above

5. After deliberating on the contentious _______ of Reserve Bank of India's governance framework, its central board, decided that the matter required further examination. Besides discussing the governance framework, the Reserve Bank of India, in a statement, said its central board reviewed, inter alia, the current economic situation, and the _______ related to currency management. The SEBI has decided to allow the start-up to _______ new shares in the market without the prior approval of its board.

A. Attrition
B. Issue
C. Yield
D. Fail
E. Frame

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6. Russia's capture of three Ukrainian naval ships and over 20 crew members in the disputed Azov Sea has refocused international attention on the _______ on Europe's eastern corridors. The protracted _______ has so far claimed about 10,000 lives and displaced millions, and no lasting resolution is in sight. The Ukraine-Russia _______ has also widened religious schisms.

A. Controversy
B. Conflict
C. Catastrophe
D. Ratification
E. None of these

7. Backcasting, or reworking past national accounts statistics based on the latest base year, is a regular _______ that governments carry out. Mainly done to enable precise comparison and analysis, it is a difficult _______ prone to contestation. Throw in the political element, and GDP backcasting can become a controversial _______ , as it has now become in the case of the release of back series data.

A. Exercise
B. Determination
C. Test
D. Tragedy
E. Ruling

8. These statements are _______ aimed at nipping in the bud any attempts to change the governance structure of the central bank. He is most _______ going to end this story after the next board meeting by calling it a day. _______ , the central bank has no idea regarding the might of the central government which is elected by the people of the country.

A. Ferociously
B. Tentatively
C. Probably
D. Dryly
E. None of the above

9. The staggering loss of an estimated 153 billion hours of labour during 2017 due to rising temperatures around the globe is a reminder to

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governments that they are not doing enough to dramatically curb greenhouse gas _______ . It is vital that India gets more ambitious about cutting back on carbon _______ . The poisonous gases _______ from the factory lead to pollution of the river and its adjoining areas.

A. Attrition

B. Attribution

C. Contribution

D. Emissions

E. None of the above

10. The International Labour Organization's Global Wage Report has put into sharp relief one of the biggest drags on global _______ momentum. The ILO report observes that the acceleration of _______ growth in high-income countries in 2017 was led mainly by higher investment spending rather than by private consumption. The _______ condition of the country is not allowing it to go to war against the superpower of the region.

A. Economical

B. Economic

C. Cardiac

D. Investment

E. Bargaining

1. I. Cab aggregator Uber proposed measures to _______ concerns expressed by the State government over its fare policy, including "self-regulation" of dynamic pricing to minimise impact on riders.

II. The politician is scheduled to visit the city on July 3 for two days and _______ various public gatherings while in the city.

III. India's purchases of commercial aircraft and gas from the US would help bridge the trade deficit between the two countries even as they agreed to hold official talks soon to _______ trade and economic irritants between them.

A. Tackle

B. Sort

C. Talk

D. Address

E. None of the above

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2. I. The State Real Estate Authority has mapped nearly 4,500 projects registered with it under the GIS, enabling citizens find _______ details of homes of their choice on its website.

II. The Secretary was given detailed instructions, one of which was to _______ the proceedings of every meeting that was to take place the following day.

III. European Union leaders took hardly a _______ to unite over a warning to Britain's prime minister that she risked a disorderly British exit from the bloc unless she broke the months of political deadlock and made "realistic" proposals.

A. Small

B. Minute

C. Record

D. Time

E. None of the above

3. I. When news began circulating of an imminent acquisition deal between the two companies during Cannes Lions, both _______, noting that rumors abound at the event.

II. People from the US administration have visited India and demanded that it should send a "signal" by privatising the State Bank of India but the Indian government _______, fearing a backlash of people's anger.

III. I saw a stunning selection of delicacies and was tempted to try them but they were all made of meat, so I _______.

A. Demure

B. Demurred

C. Demurrage

D. Demur

E. None of the above

4. I. Even to the most _______ optimist, the G7 summit in Quebec earlier this month was proof that the geopolitical West is breaking up and losing its global significance

II. Malaysia's former Prime Minister has become an _______ user of Facebook in recent weeks, using the social network to defend himself from allegations of corruption linked to the MDB fund.

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III. An _______ romantic, the author talks of the city in the same terms you would use to describe an intimate relationship.

A. Invidious

B. Inveterate

C. Inverted

D. invertebrate

E. None of the above

5. I. Severe loss of blood in any minor injury is an _________ that the patient is suffering from some kind of blood disease.

II. This may be a courtesy visit but it is an _________ that the relation between the brothers is improving.

III. The situation is Syria is fast worsening since there is no _________that either the government or the opposition is ready to cede ground.

A. Dedication

B. Sign

C. Interpretation

D. Indication

E. None of the above

6. I. With the end of the Cold War, the centre of global power _________ from Soviet Russia to the USA and Europe.

II. Though he came to the meeting, he was not at ease and his gaze _________ from one place to another throughout the meeting.

III. They have _________ to their new flat long back without intimating anybody.

A. Transferred

B. Shifted

C. Moved

D. Transcended

E. None of the above

7. I. The Income Tax Department raided the house of the politician in order to _________ all the ill-amassed wealth.

II. The last step of her dance performance was enough to _________ the attention of the producers.

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III. It is very important to ________ any opportunity in life since chance once lost is lost forever.

A. Attract

B. Utilize

C. Seize

D. Abide

E. None of the above

8. I. Once you explain the situation to your teacher, she might _______ your failing grade and give you another opportunity.

II. You can apologize and _______ your hurtful words, but I'll still feel the pain.

III. After being sued, the magazine was forced to _______ the fictitious article.

A. Cancel

B. Withdraw

C. Revoke

D. Retract

E. Nullify

9. I. Since she never wears shoes, it was _______ that she would get a piece of glass in her foot.

II. The changing of the seasons is an _______ aspect of the Earth's climate.

III. When the misbehaving twins get together, trouble is _______ and bound to happen.

A. Certain

B. Inevitable

C. Essentially

D. Avoidable

E. Fated

10. I. The matter was considered morally dubious but also expedient given the circumstances and therefore, the government decided to go for it in a covert manner.

II. In the letter, the Prime Minister explained that implementing a budget of $10 million for the upcoming fiscal would be extremely challenging and hence did not consider it _______, to increase the same to accommodate the extra funds needed for the 2019 general elections.

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III. Being well aware of the importance of leadership skills, the institute deemed it _______to include academic leadership as a separate subject begining from the next session.

A. Expeditious
B. Expedient
C. Expedition
D. Exposition
E. None of the above

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1.

All the three given statements are regarding the decrease in the exports of the country. It also explains the items in which there has been a decline in the exports from the country. Among the given options, only option D is there that will fit in the given context whereas other words are completely out of context here.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

2.

All the three statements are regarding the policy of the government to make sure that it gets the votes of the farmers and that is why they are planning to write off the loans extended to the farmers. This is going to take place before the general elections so that the government can reap the dividends of this step by getting votes from the farmers.

Among the given options, only option A fits in all the three given sentences whereas other options are completely irrelevant in the context of the given passage.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

3.

The first two statements are regarding the funding sources of the Public Sector Banks in the country apart from the fact that the government is also helping these banks shore up capital from various sources. Among the given options, only Option B will fit in the given context whereas others will not fit in the context. For the third blank also, this word will fit and therefore it may be used.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

4.

We have to find a word that will fit in all the three sentences. The sentences are mainly regarding the problems of the farming sector in the country. it explains in detail the problems faced by this sector in the country. if we see the options, we shall find that Option B will fit in all the three statements whereas other options are completely out of context.
This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

5.

If we have to fill all the three blanks, we need to check a single word that will fill all the three blanks. The first two sentences are regarding the Reserve Bank of India whereas the last sentence is regarding SEBI. If we go through the options, only Option B will be able to fit in all the three blanks with meaningful sentences being formed.
This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

6.

The first given statement is regarding the tension between Russia and Ukraine in Europe and the recent events have again captured the attention of the international community to these countries. The second statement is regarding the effect of the tension between the two countries since it has already caused deaths of so many persons and has also displaced a lot of people. The last statement is regarding the effect of this on the religious front. If we go through the given words in the options, we shall see that only option B will fit here whereas all the other words are completely out of context here. Option B will perfectly fill in the blanks in case of all the three statements and it will be the correct answer.
This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

7.

The first statement is regarding the backcasting of the national accounts based on the changes made in the base year whereas the second statement is regarding the complications associated with this method of the government. The last statement is regarding the influence of the political factors in this whole episode carried out by the central government.

Among the given options, only option A will fit in all the three given statements whereas none of the other words will perfectly fit in these statements as the only such word to fill in all the three blanks. Therefore all the other options can be eliminated.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

8.

The first statement is regarding the change in the governance structure of the central bank of the country whereas the next is about somebody quitting after the next board meeting. The next sentence is regarding the relative might of the central bank and the central government.

If we now go through the options, only option C will fit in all the three blanks whereas others are completely irrelevant in the context of any of the given sentences.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

9.

If we have to fill in the blanks for all the three statements with the same word, it should fit properly in all these sentences. The statements are mainly about the greenhouse gases polluting the environment and also areas around rivers etc.

If we now go through the options, we shall observe that A, B and C can be eliminated since they are not relevant to any of the given sentences and the only word that can fit in all the three sentences is emissions. It will make all the sentences contextual and meaningful.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

10.

We have to find a word that will fit in all the three given blanks. The first two statements are regarding the International Labour Organization Report regarding the wages if the workers in the world. Among the given word, Only option B will fit in the given contexts whereas other words are completely out of context with reference to the given sentences. Now we have to see if the word will fit in the third statement also.

This word will also fit in the third sentence also.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

11. *Tackle* and *sort* do not fit in statement II while *talk* does not fit in either I or III. *Address* fits in all the statements. It refers to: I. A formal speech delivered to an audience and II. To deal with an issue or problem Hence, option D fits well in all the blanks.

12. *Small* does not fit in II and III. *Record* does not fit in I and III. *Time* does not fit in any of the statements. Only *Minute* fits in. It refers to: I. Extremely small II. Record/take notes III. Time Hence, option B is correct.

13. *Demure* refers to someone who is *reserved, modest, and shy.*

Demurrage refers to a *charge payable to the owner of a chartered ship on failure to load or discharge the ship within the time agreed*. Clearly, this fits in nowhere in any of the statements.

Demur means to *raise objections or show reluctance.* The word fits in all the statements but is incorrect in terms of the tense. The correct form would be *demurred*.

Hence, option B is correct.

14. *Invidious* refers to an action *likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others*. *Inverted* means upside down/inside out and is absurd here.

Invertebrate is used to refer to animals lacking a backbone.

Inveterate means *having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change.* Clearly, this is the only word that fits in all the statements.

Hence, option B is correct.

15. *Dedication* does not fit in any of the sentences. *Sign* does not fit in either I or II. *Interpretation* is not correct for any of the statements. *Indication* fits in all the statements: I. Symptom of any disease II. The marking of a new beginning or chapter in any relationship III. Signal for something

Hence, Option D fits well in all the blanks.

16. *Transferred* does not fit in either II or III. *Moved* does not fit in statement I. *Transcended* does not fit in any of the statements. *Shifted* is the correct word for all the statements: I. The change in power II. Moved III. Changed to the new address

Hence, Option B fits well in all the blanks and is the correct choice.

17. *Attract* does not fit in statements I and III

Utilize is not correct for statements I and II *Abide* is not correct for any of the statements. *Seize* fits well in all the statements: I. To catch hold of II. Catch the eye of or attract the attention of III. Take an opportunity eagerly and decisively
So, Option C is the correct choice among the given options.

18. *Cancel*, *withdraw* and *revoke* do not fit in the second sentence and can be eliminated Nullify means to make legally null and void and does not fit into any of the sentences.
Retract fits in all the three sentences. *It means: I. draw or be drawn back or back in. II. withdraw (a statement or accusation) as untrue or unjustified.* Hence option D is the correct answer.

19. *Certain* and *Fated* do not fit in the second sentence because the blank is preceded by the article 'an' necessitating the use of a vowel in the blank.
Essentially is an adverb while we need an adjective in the blank. This is incorrect.
Avoidable is incorrect as it is opposite of what is contextually corect.
Inevitable fits in all the sentences. It means: *incapable of being avoided or evaded.*
Hence option B is the correct answer.

20. *Expeditious means: done with speed and efficiency. It fits nowhere in the statements. Expedition: a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, research, or war. It fits nowhere in the statements.*
Exposition means: a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory. It fits nowhere in the statements.
Expedient means:
I. convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral.
II. suitable or appropriate.
Statement I corresponds to meaning I mentioned above while II and III go with the second meaning provided above. Hence, this is the correct word.
Hence option B is the correct answer.

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1. While the technology and state of knowledge in medicine allows the gadgets to ____ data and give recommendation, it will be a while before we are ready to ____ doctors for serious illnesses.

1. estimate, credit
2. evaluate, credence
3. analyse, trust
4. describe, distrust
5. figure out, confidence

2. Just because momentum is ____ away coal in china does not mean that the country is no longer part of the global coal ____.

1. altering, bang
2. changing, collapse
3. stagnating, rise
4. shifting, boom
5. staying, failure

3. There's plenty of ____ that transferring kids to the adult criminal justice system for trial and conviction has ____ to prevent repeat offences.

1. data, declined
2. information, rise
3. disproof, developed
4. indication, finished
5. evidence, failed

4. However, 'Digital India' will not happen even if the ____ is in place unless equal ____ is paid to what is made available at the end of the pipeline.

1. framework, thinking
2. Infrastructure, attention
3. groundwork, scrutiny
4. backbone, indifference
5. support, thought

5. The national disaster management authority should come up with national guidelines for the ____ of such deaths for immediate ____ by the states.

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1. prevention, implementation
2. aid, effect
3. deterrence, operation
4. avoidance, usage
5. obstruction, assistance

6. The health minister ____ the need to make the laparoscopic surgery available to the common people and ___ it's reach.

1. underscored, widen
2. stressed, larger
3. emphasized, restrict
4. spotted, extend
5. repeated, narrow

7. Extreme weather ____ continued in several parts of the country on Sunday, ____ 41 more lives in the worst-hit Andhra Pradesh.

1. obligations, killing
2. conditions, claiming
3. crisis, demanded
4. climate, warranted
5. domain, taking

8. On the world tobacco day, PM Modi _____ the harms associated with tobacco consumption and pressed for reducing the _______ .

1. repeated, trouble
2. accentuated, delight
3. told, plague
4. highlighted, menace
5. asked, risk

9. The visit will focus on ____ , sustainable development, urban development and scientific research with both countries exploring ways to ____ mutual exchanges in the areas of trade and science.

1. modernization, appreciate
2. newness, elevate
3. innovation, enhance
4. stagnation, amplify
5. modification, reduce

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10. However, the proposed Bill does not include the two crucial provisions for taking _____ of the landowner and the social impact assessment of the ______.

1. compliance, shift
2. accord, movement
3. denial, distance
4. dissent, rearrangement
5. consent, displacement

11. Very large and ____ systems, whether in government or in the corporate sector, need a high degree of skills and ____ to be run efficiently.

1. complex, competence
2. new, courage
3. raw, expertise
4. big, advice
5. small, knowledge

12. The sub-optimal level of education and skills ____ by a majority of our schools and institutions of higher learning is the ____ reason for low levels of competence.

1. reciprocated, only
2. imparted, primary
3. aggravated, first
4. communicated, sole
5. transmitted, secondary

13. When celebrities ____ a product, they do so knowing that their endorsement will ____ people to buy it.

1. advocate, dissuade
2. assure, discourage
3. endorse, persuade
4. discourage, persuade
5. confirm, impress

14. I am not ____ about your success because your ____ approach to study is disappointing.

1. despaired, irresolute
2. hopeful, regular

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3. optimistic, perfunctory
4. happy, reckless
5. bright, superficial

15. Being extremely ____, he examines every detail of the case before ____ his opinion.

1. cautious, completing
2. eccentric, refining
3. meticulous, forming
4. suspicious, assembling
5. watchful, contemplating

16. We don't know what ____ him to ____ the crime

1. prompted, commit
2. excited, arouse
3. roused, rose
4. attracted, act
5. motivated, execute

17. This is the _______ chosen for the hospital ____ to be built next year.

1. site, complex
2. area, building
3. locality, limited
4. sight, region
5. region, building

18. The first page of this magazine must be read ____ the lines, it may have some ____ points.

1. behind, meaning
2. between, important
3. among, end
4. beyond, trigger
5. to, important

19. He shifted to his late parent's house not because of the _____ it provided but for purely ____ reasons.

1. convenience, sentimental
2. grace, aesthetic
3. value, money

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4. comforts, personal
5. luxury, emotional

20. It is ____ to see that his family supports him right through the ____.

1. heartening, ordeal
2. promising, agony
3. cheering, anguish
4. auspicious, calamity
5. encouraging, torture

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15. 3
16. 1
17. 1
18. 2
19. 4
20. 1

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1) The purpose of higher education is to prepare graduates for work and life, achieved only through the _______ of knowledge, skills and __________ related to the profession they chose.

a) Accession, expertise

b) Pursuit, aptitude

c) Acquisition, competencies

d) Forfeit, virtuosities

e) Recoveries, skills

2) Mr. Löfven has _________ the suggestion, he is conscious of the political need to strike __________ compromises and build a consensus among like-minded parties.

a) Relegated, idealistic

b) Retained, realistic

c) Discarded, theoretical

d) Deported, floating

e) Dismissed, pragmatic

3) The NAP report ___________that disciplinary specialisation has resulted in many developments but also points out that _________ problems are multi-disciplinary

a) Acknowledges, emerging

b) Accede, egressing

c) Certifies, dribbling

d) Responds, percolating

e) Recognize, transpiring

4) The 2018 Budget is one of muted _________ and _______ agony for Startups and Investors from the lens of the Stay in India and List in India initiatives.

a) Desolation, modulated

b) Ecstasy, tempered

c) Abjection, curbed

d) Euphoria, agitated
e) Delirium, infuriated

5) India's strong fundamentals and __________ growth of our capital markets should hopefully ________ the removal of this favourable regime

a) Astonishing, convulse
b) Distressing, churn
c) Staggering, allay
d) Astounding, perturb
e) Overwhelming, fluster

6) The committee has _______ other related critical issues in the realm of personal data protection and data sovereignty, such as preventing foreign surveillance and _________

a) Succumbed, condemning
b) Flagged, fostering
c) Languished, stymieing
d) Fattened, fomenting
e) Outdone, cherishing

7) North Korea agreed to shut down the Tongchang-ri missile-testing site in the presence of observers and _________ the nuclear facility if the U.S. takes ________ measures

a) Dismantle, corresponding
b) Annihilate, disparate
c) Assemble, analogous
d) Denudate, peculiar
e) Subvert, aberrant

8) Valid concerns are based on the premise that large foreign companies will be able to ________ the _________ resources to invest in setting up their data centres within India

a) Actuate, petty
b) Muster, dispensable
c) Dissuade, essential
d) Mobilise, requisite
e) Assemble, extraneous

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9) If the tariffs _________ the dominance of Chinese SOEs and incentivize devaluation of the renminbi, they will accomplish _________ the opposite of their intended effect.

a) Enscone, tentatively
b) Lodge, uncertainly
c) Entrench, precisely
d) Displace, specifically
e) Intrude, irresolutely

10) Auto companies can certainly afford to pay higher wages and this provision on its own may not __________ employment _________ in Mexico.

a) Erode, contemplation
b) Debilitate, expectancy
c) Facilitate, anticipations
d) Sabotage, possibility
e) Undermine, prospects

11) History is full of examples of governments empowering their people to ______ a_______ approach to what we now term universal health coverage.

a) Fecundate, integrate
b) Propagate, holistic
c) Procreated, comprehensive
d) Enshroud, unified
e) Fathered, plenary

12) With that kind of a market price crash, Bhavantar has basically ______ into a full-fledged MSP, the only difference being that there is no government ________ and therefore no need for public warehousing.

a) Contorted, acquisitioning
b) Distort, attainment
c) Sustained, redemption
d) Morphed, procurement
e) Mutate, salvage

13) Instead of creating a statistical data ecosystem that ________the energy of diverse institutions and disciplines in which innovative thinking on data collection and analysis could be undertaken, this tendency may well _______ official statistical systems.

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a) Constrains, disengaged
b) Accouter, seclude
c) Harnesses, isolate
d) Muzzles, confined
e) Fetters, integrate

14) The draft National Policy on Official Statistics offers a great start for ________ trust in statistics but ______ its inclusiveness will go a long way towards encouraging competence, reliability and honesty in public statistics.

a) Fostering, enhancing
b) Nurturing, supplement
c) Harboring, intensify
d) Fomenting, exalted
e) Rattling, boosting

15) A _______survey management structure that understands the difficulties of on-the-ground data collectors and responds appropriately to find ways of ______ quality and honesty must form the cornerstone of good data collection.

a) Adept, certified
b) Proficient, warranted
c) Nimble, ensuring
d) Lissome, fortified
e) Sluggish, assuring

16) Employing the strict _______ standard, which demands that _______ governmental interest be proved, would have established a healthy precedent.

a) Perusal, deterring
b) Scrutiny, compelling
c) Inspection, overawing
d) Audits, coercing
e) Surveillance, appalling

17) The state has failed to _______ that a less _____ measure other than biometric authentication will not subserve its purposes.

a) Proclaim, protuberant

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b) Distort, prominent
c) Exhibit, protruding
d) Demonstrate, intrusive
e) Validate, blatant

18) Indian strategic thinking has evolved over the last several decades deeply ________ of American multilateralism and a strong _______ of preserving the nation's sovereignty.

a) Heedless, backer
b) Conclusive, partisan
c) Suspicious, proponent
d) Unerring, protector
e) Sundry, defender

19) It is a sign of the ______ nature of the times in which we live that many in India are ______ when the US is speaking a language that India should be rather comfortable with.

a) Reliable, bewildered
b) Treacherous, befuddled
c) Competent, dazed
d) Innocuous, flustered
e) Vigilant, inebriated

20) Nor should they generally welcome a situation where President Trump's _____are deemed to be successful, that might only encourage further______; after all, there have been 31 Godzilla movies so far.

a) Maneuver, turmoil
b) Tactics, rampages
c) Technique, harmonies
d) Cessations, destructions
e) Campaign, blow up

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Solutions

1) Answer: c)

The meaning of “acquisition” is “to obtain something” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “competencies” is “the ability to do something successfully or efficiently” so it is appropriate for ii blank

2) Answer: e)

The meaning of “dismissed” is “to banish or set aside” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “pragmatic” is “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical considerations” so it is appropriate for ii blank

3) Answer: a)

The meaning of “acknowledges” is “to recognize the importance or quality of” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “emerging” is “become apparent or known” so it is appropriate for ii blank

4) Answer: b)

The meaning of “ecstasy” is “an overwhelming feeling of great happiness or joyful excitement” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “tempered” is “to moderate or tone down” so it is appropriate for ii blank

5) Answer: c)

The meaning of “staggering” is “to walk or move unsteadily” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “allay” is “to diminish or put at rest” so it is appropriate for ii blank

6) Answer: b)

The meaning of “flagged” is “to signal” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “fostering” is “to promote” so it is appropriate for ii blank

7) Answer: a)

The meaning of “dismantle” is “to pull apart” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “corresponding” is “equivalent in form, or function or comparable” so it is appropriate for ii blank

8) Answer: d)

The meaning of “mobilise” is “to organize or make ready” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “requisite” is “a thing that is necessary” so it is appropriate for ii blank

9) Answer: c)

The meaning of “entrench” is “to establish so firmly that change is very difficult” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “precisely” is “exactly” so it is appropriate for ii blank

10) Answer: e)

The meaning of “undermine” is “to weaken” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “prospects” is “the possibility or likelihood of some future event occurring” so it is appropriate for ii blank

11) Answer: b)

The meaning of “propagate” is “to raise or generate” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “holistic” is “complete or whole” so it is appropriate for ii blank.

12) Answer: d)

The meaning of “morphed” is “to change something” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “procurement” is “the action of obtaining something” so it is appropriate for ii blank

13) Answer: c)

The meaning of “harnesses” is “to control and make use of resources” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “isolate” is “to separate or set apart” so it is appropriate for ii blank

14) Answer: a)

The meaning of “fostering” is “to encourage the development of something” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “enhancing” is “to further improve the quality or value” so it is appropriate for ii blank

15) Answer: c)

The meaning of “nimble” is “skillful” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “ensuring” is “to confirm or make something certain” so it is appropriate for ii blank

16) Answer: b)

The meaning of “scrutiny” is “critical observation or examination” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “compelling” is “to bring about (something) by the use of pressure” so it is appropriate for ii blank

17) Answer: d)

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The meaning of “demonstrate” is “clearly show the existence of something by giving proof” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “intrusive” is “unwanted or interrupting” so it is appropriate for ii blank

18) Answer: c)

The meaning of “suspicious” is “doubtful or questionable” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “proponent” is “a person who support a theory, proposal, or course of action” so it is appropriate for ii blank

19) Answer: b)

The meaning of “treacherous” is “condition presenting hidden or unpredictable dangers” and it is suitable for i blanks and the meaning of “befuddled” is “cause to become unable to think clearly” so it is appropriate for ii blank

20) Answer: b)

The meaning of “tactics” is “approach or policy” and it is suitable for i blank and the meaning of “rampages” is “a period of violent and uncontrollable behavior by a group of people.” so it is appropriate for ii blank

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1)

i) I enjoy the ________ edition of the show on Sunday.

ii) Where programmes appear in _________ ratings for the highest single showing only have been included

a) Circumscribed
b) Omnibus
c) Precise
d) Patchy
e) Underlining

2)

i) This artist has a supremely delicate brush-stroke that gives his work a feeling of ________lightness

ii) Once the sky began to clear after the storm, the clouds scattered in ________ formations that resembled a celestial festival

a) Brutish
b) Coarse
c) Obscene
d) Ethereal
e) Barbaric

3)

i) Our district was led _________ and as a result, we wasted valuable resources.

ii) Her parents worried that she might be led _______ by her unsuitable friends.

a) Precipitous
b) Sorted
c) Astray
d) Orthodox
e) Candid

4)

i) I hoped I would find the computer course a useful ________ to my other studies.

ii) When they visited my city, they added me on as a/an __________ performer since I would not be touring with them.

a) Prejudice
b) Detriment
c) Adversity
d) Expropriation
e) Adjunct

5)

i) The important thing when you're cooking for a lot of people is not to get in a __________.

ii) Don't let that new tax form __________ you, it's not as bad as it looks.

a) Explicate
b) Fluster
c) Tranquility
d) Perturb
e) Order

6)

i) If you wish to ________ yourself of your sins, you must first confess them and not repeat the same actions.

ii) The lack of funding does not _______ the city government from its guilt of not being prepared for the storm.

a) Obligate
b) Impeach
c) Absolve
d) Incriminate
e) Condemn

7)

i) Even though Jill was a fantastic assistant, she quit her job because her ___________ boss was never satisfied with her work

ii) When my ___________ teacher grades my essays, she always finds a minor error in my work.

a) Eulogistic
b) Captious
c) Laudatory

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d) Encomiastic
e) Commendatory

8)

i) Even though the politician used __________ answers during the interview, he eventually had to make direct responses to the questions

ii) The concert hall used a __________ maze to prevent overcrowding at the main entrance

a) Ebullient
b) Ardent
c) Fanatical
d) Fervent
e) Dilatory

9)

i) After the basketball player committed a ___________ foul, he was kicked out of the game.

ii) The driver's __________ disregard for the speeding laws did not escape the police officer's notice.

a) Serene
b) Pabulum
c) Flagrant
d) Submissive
e) Meek

10)

i) Because my friend's outfit was so ________ the principal sent her home to change into more appropriate clothes

ii) When my sister won the lottery, she purchased a ________ sports car which could not be missed on the highway

a) Garish
b) Bashful
c) Diffident
d) Austere
e) Sluggish

11)

i) A number of buildings around the Parliament were still ___________ today.

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ii) The dispute is still ___________ five years after the negotiations began.

a) Subduing
b) Quenching
c) Smouldering
d) Blazed
e) Simmered

12)

i) I am a ___________ truth seeker, forever investigating life's secrets

ii) She resented his ___________ complaining about her cooking.

a) Ephemeral
b) Perpetual
c) Transient
d) Fleeting
e) Remitting

13)

i) She is very _________, and will believe almost anything people say to her.

ii) The __________ soldier and his equally simple sister believed this wonderful tale.

a) Skeptical
b) Apprehensive
c) Dubious
d) Equivocal
e) Credulous

14)

i) Kara's failure to graduate from high school is sure to _________ her ability to get a decent job.

ii) The complexity and costliness of the judicial system ___________ against justice for the individual.

a) Cofound
b) Misconceive
c) Militate
d) Stumble
e) Blunder

15)

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i) His colleague at the British Museum who _________ the 100 Objects book, opted for the word processor.

ii) The photos are ___________ by Burns, who dubs himself "Blogger Bob" and is based in Ohio.

a) Catalogue
b) Tabulate
c) Perturbed
d) Curated
e) Embroiled

16)

i) There are those who question the _________ of the economic recovery.

ii) One way of measuring the _________ of an airplane is to check how many of those built are still flying.

a) Instability
b) Durability
c) Inclination
d) Stamina
e) Proclivity

17)

i) The interior decorator came up with some modern ideas to _________ the drab walls in her home

ii) New evidence released by the police was able to __________ public interest in the cold case.

a) Enervate
b) Forfend
c) Preclude
d) Revivify
e) Avert

18)

i) She felt that she had been __________ in one of the spy-plots that all the Empire was talking about

ii) It never struck him that he was __________ at fraud; if it had, he would not have been deterred.

a) Promoting

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b) Marauding
c) Conniving
d) Ravaging
e) Nullifying

19)

i) Because his bookstore was going under financially, Jim became more _________ with each passing day.

ii) In the movie, the leading character is a _________ man who will do anything to avenge his wife's death

a) Benign
b) Pellucid
c) Utopian
d) Sanguine
e) Morose

20)

i) Well, we can only pledge ourselves not to exaggerate the _________ of these evils.

ii) He suffers twice as much as the child from the _________ of the pain.

a) Infliction
b) Redemption
c) Wreaking
d) Absolution
e) Vindication

Solutions

1) Answer: b)

The meaning of "omnibus" is "a collection of works by one author or several works on a similar topic"

2) Answer: d)

The meaning of "ethereal" is "extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world"

3) Answer: c)

The meaning of "Astray" is "away from the correct path or direction."

4) Answer: e)

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The meaning of “adjunct” is “a thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part”

5) Answer: b)

The meaning of “fluster” is “make someone confused or state of anxiety”

6) Answer: c)

The meaning of “absolve” is “to make someone free from guilt, responsibility, etc.”

7) Answer: b)

The meaning of “captious” is “tending to find fault or raise petty objections”

8) Answer: e)

The meaning of “dilatory” is “intended to cause delay”

9) Answer: c)

The meaning of “flagrant” is “obviously offensive/terrible”

10) Answer: a)

The meaning of “garish” is “something that is elaborate, showy, striking and in bad taste”

11) Answer: c)

The meaning of “smouldering” is “burn slowly with smoke but no flame”

12) Answer: b)

The meaning of “perpetual” is “never ending or changing”

13) Answer: e)

The meaning of “credulous” is “over-trusting or easy led”

14) Answer: c)

The meaning of “militate” is “tend to prevent or work against”

15) Answer: d)

The meaning of “curated” is “to arrange systematically, order”

16) Answer: b)

The meaning of “durability” is “the ability to withstand pressure or damage”

17) Answer: d)

The meaning of “revivify” is “to revive or energize”

18) Answer: c)

The meaning of “conniving” is “involved in conspiring to do something illegal, or harmful”

19) Answer: e)

The meaning of “morose” is “depressed or low spirited”

20) Answer: e)

The meaning of infliction” is “curse or pain”

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 52

Directions (1-20): In each of the following sentences there is one blank space. Below each sentence there are four words denoted by a), b), c) and d). Find one word that to be fitted in both the sentences I and II and another word that to fit in sentence III and to make it meaning fully complete, In case no word is fit to these sentences, option 'e' is the answer.

1)

i) His proposal has _________ both positive and negative responses from investors and shareholders.

ii) After his lots of efforts, eventually his NGO has ________ the government support.

iii) As per _________ guidelines, nobody will be allowed to enter the examination hall with photo ID proof.

a) draw out/ pliant

b) extract/resilient

c) elicit /stringent

d) acquire/supple

e) attain/lithe

2)

i) Newly appointed coach has formulated a strategy to ______ strong team.

ii) He tried but could not ________ successful career in financial sector.

iii) Although he is recovering from the disease but he has become so _______ and weak and will not be able to participate in the competition.

a) contrive/stout

b) devise/sturdy

c) concoct/tubby

d) forge/meager

e) fabricate/portly

3)

i) In order to _______ the wooden cupboard I have got the metal plate attached on its base.

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ii) "We need advance devices and equipments to _______ our strategy to track the enemies," said the army chief.

iii) She cannot ______ off her responsibility of updating the records by mentioning the network and connectivity problem.

a) peter out/wobble
b) wane/shamble
c) enervate/hobble
d) subside/trundle
e) reinforce/shuffle

4)

i) I have _______ together these records to get the rough estimates.

ii) These programmes have been ________ together in order to achieve the target.

iii) I have made the report more accurate and precise as I had been asked to remove the _____ points from it.

a) improvised/cardinal
b) cobbled/paltry
c) devised/substantial
d) patched/imperative
e) marshaled/salient

5)

i) Poor performance of the product in the market has _____ the consumers' trust.

ii) The court's decision has _________ the plan of builders to start the construction of shopping mall.

iii) The teacher shouted when she saw her _______ signature on the form.

a) dashed/veritable
b) wrecked/unfeigned
c) spoiled/official
d) vitiated/spurious
e) messed up/factual

6)

i) I had ______ both of the equations but did not find any fault in them.

ii) Before mentioning your remarks, have you _______ the report?

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iii) At the end of the novel you will get puzzle to _______.

a) corroborated/decipher

b) ascertained/crack

c) substantiated/resolve

d) measured/settle

e) critiqued/unravel

7)

i) Although, she is very successful and famous badminton player and represents the country in international sports events but _______celebrity lifestyle to relax with family and friends in Dehradun.

ii) He is the owner of billions of property but ______ all forms of luxury.

iii) I never tried cooking before, but that day I was alone and hungry so I thought, I should give it a _____.

a) yearn for/try

b) craves/attempt

c) shuns/shot

d) longs for/strive

e) solicit/endeavor

8)

i) We have ______ the loss of customer by gift coupon of Rs 2000.

ii) I think the financial loss of our last deal will be _______ by the contract that we have got today.

iii) In last few years, his NGO has won many ______ from state government.

a) released/titles

b) redeemed/accolades

c) restored/awards

d) returned/praises

e) replaced/honors

9)

i) The story was so encouraging and ________ enthusiasm in the minds of students.

ii) These pictures, medals and trophies have _______ the *pleasant memories of my school days.*

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iii) We have selected Mr. Alex because he has sunny and cheerful _______ and he will be the right person for the position of team leader.

a) decimated/outlook

b) eradicated/temper

c) exterminated/character

d) evoked/disposition

e) stamped out/nature

10)

i) If the investigating officers could not solve the case then they will have to take _______ from the people.

ii) If your plan does not work then you must be strong enough to take _______ from CEO of the company.

iii) __________ security guards took the action on time and saved the lives of more than two hundred people.

a) appreciation/remiss

b) approbation/inconsiderate

c) applause/naive

d) commendation/impromptu

e) flak /cautious

11)

i) Country's current account deficit has ________ its economic position seriously.

ii) "His bad performance in last three matches has ________ his confidence," said the captain of the team.

iii) He has applied very much calculated approach for ______ outcome.

a) buttressed / explicit

b) propped up / palpable

c) braced /obtrusive

d) augmented /glaring

e) undermined / emphatic

12)

i) He _______the idea that Training and development programme is very much needed for faculty members as it will directly benefit the institute and students.

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ii) We ______ the thought that small scale and cottage industries also play a considerable role in economic progress of the country.

iii) It is ________ fact that when price of the commodity increases its demand automatically decreases.

a) rebuffed / ambiguous
b) refuted / dubious
c) espoused/ undeniable
d) contradicted / unconvinced
e) gainsaid / unsettled

13)

i) “I could have won the debate competition, if I had mentioned more accurate facts,” he _______.

ii) A disappointed prospective buyer _____ , “ Banks have raised home loans interest rates.”

iii) For some ______ reasons, he sold his two-story mansion just for few lakhs of rupees.

a) luxuriated/ mysterious
b) lamented / inexplicable
c) savored/ perplexing
d) relished /enigmatic
e) exulted /mystifying

14)

i) He had been asked to leave the game before the beginning of third round as he _____ the rules.

ii) He will have to pay the penalty as he has _____ the business law.

iii) Within few days of her joining, she became very famous in whole organisation due to her technical ____.

a) abided by/deftness
b) followed/ adeptness
c) stalked /proficiency
d) flouted/ expertise
e) trailed/ aptitude

15)

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i) Grand paa ______ the shopkeeper for using plastic carry bag as it is ban in the city.

ii) He was _____ badly and sacked by the company as he was passing the secret information to the rivals.

iii) “Whose _______ is this, to see the performance of the plans and take corrective actions, if needed?,” asked annoyed CEO to the area managers.

a) acclaimed /errand
b) lauded /duty
c) extolled/answerability
d) commended /liability
e) reproached / accountability

16)

i) “I ______ a country free from poverty” the minister said in his speech and also inaugurated various anti poverty and employment generation programme.

ii) The elated writer said that he did not ______ that his work of fiction would be appreciated on this international platform.

iii) This phase of economy has brought the _________ prosperity to service sector of the country.

a) assess/ imprecise
b) estimate/ neutral
c) speculate / typical
d) envision/ unprecedented
e) believe/tolerable

17)

i) This year, the company has ______ the amount of bonus due to the low profit margin.

ii) People have _______ the savings due to the low interest rate.

iii) I asked him to remove the _________ lines from the speech.

a) reduced/ pertinent
b) diminished/ focal
c) depleted / incongruous
d) lessened / apposite
e) shrunk/apt

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18)

i) The team leader ______ his attitude that is why, dropped him from the team.

ii) She ______ the committee’s opinion and argued with one of its members.

iii) Don’t worry, we have prepared an action plan for any unexpected _______.

a) extolled / malfunction

b) resented / glitch

c) acclaimed /anomaly

d) lauded / hitch

e) buttressed /problem

19)

i) We just ______ that the name of Admiral Sunil Paul would be nominated for the position of Chief of Naval Staff.

ii) The company ________ that the result would be in its favour that is why it did not withdraw the case.

iii) He ________ drafted the contract and mentioned all the terms and conditions in his favour.

a) deduced/ nosily

b) surmised / recklessly

c) speculated/ imprudently

d) guessed/ injudiciously

e) conjectured / discreetly

20)

i) All the directors of the board wanted to ______ him from the position of chairman.

ii) The state authorities are trying to _______ the poly bag manufacturers from different cities of the state as poly bags are ban in the state.

iii) The comments of the CEO may be seen as an _________ disapproval for the project.

a) lease /implied

b) charter / inferred

c) allocate / couched

d) oust/ implicit

e) assign / indirect

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Solutions

1) Answer: c)

The meaning of "elicit" is "to obtain something, esp. information or a reaction" and second/ third form of verb is "elicited" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "stringent" is "(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting" so it is suitable for iii blank.

2) Answer: d)

The meaning of "forge" is "Create (something) strong, enduring, or successful" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "meager" is "(of a person or animal) lean or thin" so it is suitable for iii blank.

3) Answer: e)

The meaning of "reinforce" is "Strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material/ Strengthen (an existing feeling, idea, or habit)" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "**shuffle something off"** is "Get out of or avoid a responsibility or obligation" so it suitable for iii blank.

4) Answer: b)

The meaning of "**cobble something together" is "**Roughly assemble or produce something from available parts or elements" and second/third form of

verb is "cobbled" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "paltry" is "Petty; trivial" so it is suitable for iii blank.

5) Answer: d)

The meaning of "vitiate" is "Spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of" and second/third form of verb is "vitiated" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "spurious" is "false / fake" so it is suitable for iii blank.

6) Answer: e)

The meaning of "critique" is "Evaluate (a theory or practice) in a detailed and analytical way" and second/ third form of verb is "critiqued" so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of "unravel" is "Investigate and solve or explain (something complicated or puzzling)" so it is suitable for iii blank.

7) Answer: c)

The meaning of “shun” is “Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “shot” is “an attempt to do or achieve something that you have not done before” so it is suitable for iii blank.

8) Answer: b)

The meaning of “redeem” is “Compensate for the faults or bad aspects of” and second/ third form of verb is “redeemed” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “accolade” is “An award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit” so it is suitable for iii blank.

9) Answer: d)

The meaning of “evoke” is “bring or recall (a feeling, memory, or image) to the conscious mind” and second/third form of verb is “evoked” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “disposition” is “A person's inherent qualities of mind and character./ nature temperament” so it is suitable for iii blank.

10) Answer: e)

The meaning of the “flak” is “Strong criticism” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “cautions” is “(of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers” so it is suitable for iii blank.

11) Answer: e)

The meaning of “undermine” is “Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously” and second/ third form of verb is “undermined” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “emphatic” is “(of an action or its result) definite and clear” so it is suitable for iii blank.

12) Answer: c)

The meaning of “espouse” is “to give your support to an idea, principle, or belief” and second/third form of verb is “espoused” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “undeniable” is “so obviously true that it cannot be doubted” so it is suitable for iii blank.

13) Answer: b)

The meaning of “lament” is “Express regret or disappointment about something” and second/third form of verb is “lamented” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “inexplicable” is “unable to be explained or understood” so it is suitable for iii blank.

14) Answer: d)

The meaning of “flout” is “to intentionally not obey a rule, law, or custom” and second/third form of verb is “flouted” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning “expertise” is “Expert skill or knowledge in a particular field” so it is suitable for iii blank.

15) Answer: e)

The meaning of “**reproach**” is “to criticize someone, especially for not being successful or not doing what is expected” and second/third form of verb is “reproached” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “accountability” is “The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility” so it is suitable for iii blank.

16) Answer: d)

The meaning of “envision” is “Imagine as a future possibility; visualize” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “unprecedented” is “Never done or known before” so it appropriate for the iii blank.

17) Answer: c)

The meaning of “deplete” is “to reduce something in size or amount, esp. Supplies, energy, or money” and second/ third form of verb is “depleted” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “incongruous” is “appearing strange or wrong within a particular situation / inappropriate” so it is suitable for the iii blank.

18) Answer: b)

The meaning of “resent” is “to dislike or be angry at something or someone because you have been hurt or not treated fairly” and second/ third form of verb is “resented” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “glitch” is “An unexpected setback” so it is suitable for the iii blank.

19) Answer: e)

The meaning of “conjecture” is “to guess, based on the appearance of a situation and not on proof” and second/third form of verb is “conjectured” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “discreetly” is “In a careful and prudent manner,

especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment” and it is suitable for the iii blank.

20) Answer: d)

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The meaning of “oust” is “Drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place / to force someone to leave a position of power, job, place, or competition” so it is suitable for i and ii blanks. The meaning of “implicit” is “not stated directly, but expressed in the way that someone behaves, or understood from what they are saying / Suggested though not directly expressed” so it is suitable for the iii blank.

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1) The Congress named Mr. Gandhi on its first list as its candidate for Amethi in Uttar Pradesh. And then the demand by the party units in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu that he _____ from these States too.

A. Participate

B. Contest

C. Available

D. Nominate

E. None of these.

2) The BJP has been winning several seats in the State election after election. Though the Congress was in power in the State, the BJP did better than it in the LokSabha elections of 1996, 1998 and 1999. Eleven seats in 2009 were the best________ of the Congress after 1984.

A. Performance

B. Interaction

C. Variation

D. Instalment

E. All of the above

3) In December 2018, J&J filed a petition in Delhi High Court challenging the CDSCO's measures for compensation. The High Court did not _____in the matter as the Supreme Court was already looking into a public interest litigation on the faulty implants.

A. Conclude

B. Perform

C. Interfere

D. Present

E. None of these

4) The project is facing resistance from several quarters, including fishermen and residents of Breach Candy, Peddar Road and Malabar Hill where the new road will alter localities as well as the____. Fishermen have already moved the Bombay High court seeking a stay on the reclamation work.

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A. Seashore
B. Surroundings
C. Buildings
D. Coastline
E. None of these

5) The direction came in _______ to a Right to Information request to the Chief Commissioner of Customs in Amritsar, asking for information on officers caught, convicted or jailed for smuggling over the last 10 years.

A. Response
B. Support
C. Chance
D. View
E. None of these

6. TRAI's complaint redressal mechanism allows individual telecom subscribers to register complaints with their respective service providers regarding any ______________ commercial communication (voice and SMS)," said Rajan S Mathews, director general, COAI.

a) Invented
b) Unsolicited
c) Invited
d) Encumbered
e) None of the above

7. Congress now has more work to come up with strategies to capitalise on the issue to ____________ votes in its favour.

a) Sway
b) Punctilious
c) Meticulous
d) Brusque
e) None of the above

8. The Karnataka government on September 6, 2019 approved to rename Hyderabad-Karnataka region of the state as Kalyana Karnataka. The objective behind this move is to do away with any _________ of colonial nomenclature or connection with the Nizams to refer to the six districts on the north eastern part of the state.

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a) Drubbing
b) Snafu
c) Remnants
d) Kerfuffle
e) None of the above

9. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced a ______________ of Rs. 25 lakhs to kin of 43 doctors who died due to covid.

a) Hamstrung
b) Solatium
c) Slovenly
d) Incumbent
e) None of the above

10. Eleven people, including seven children, of the same family were drowned after their vehicle ________________ into a canal in Pakistan's Punjab province, rescue authorities said.

a) Obliged
b) Fall
c) Submitted
d) Plunged
e) None of the above

11. A Delhi Court on Tuesday refused to grant anticipatory bail to ________________ Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar in the murder case of a wrestler, saying that he is prima facie the main conspirator and allegations against him are serious in nature.

a) Famous
b) Absconding
c) Appeasing
d) Bedizen
e) None of the above

12. The Congress high command is ______________ to appoint a new in-charge for Gujarat after the untimely demise of Rajeev Satay last month

a) Consistent
b) Regardless
c) Decision

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d) Mulling
e) None of the above

13. "There should be no ______________ in the procurement of best quality' N-95 anti-pollution masks. Health of Dehliites during the critical season will be given priority," the sources quoted Kejriwal as directing Jain.

a) Compromise
b) Consideration
c) Fraudulent
d) Favor
e) None of the above

14. A ______________ for the COVID-19 vaccination roll out was conducted in three centres across Cachar district on Friday.

a) Set up
b) Initiative
c) Dry run
d) Inclusion
e) None of the above

15. At least 13 people died and around 250 others injured as record snowfall ______________ regions along the coast of the Sea of Japan coast, according to the latest report by the Fire and Disaster Management Agency.

a) Occupy
b) Despite
c) Recorded
d) Blanketed
e) None of the above

16. Discovered in India, fossils of feathered dinosaurs offer the most important evidence yet discovered of the close ________ relationship between dinosaurs and birds.

A) revolutionary
B) trivial
C)evolutionary
D) Importance
E) None of the above

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17. In the 1950s, when Mother Theresawanted to form an orphanage with only three pounds and God behind her, her adversaries had scoffed at her, but in a span of 15 years, a ______ missionary will made her dream come true.

A) Scornful
B) Strict
C) dejected
D) resolute
E) None of the above

18. For hundreds of years, origami was just an art form, but with the ______ amount of technological advancement that has taken place over the last century, origami has become an application that may one day save lives.

A) Outstand
B) astounding
C) insufficient
D) Suffice
E) None of the above

19. Rather than ignore a company that seems about to fail, investment analysts should recognize that its reorganization and recent uptick in revenue, combined with its dynamic new leadership, indicate that the firm's prospects must be taken_________ .

A) diligent
B) seriously
C) easily
D) feebly
E) None of the above

20. The measurement of the Earth's atmospheric temperature over the past few decadesindicates that global warming is continually increasing and that ________ climate changes may happen sooner than scientists earlier estimated.

A) Irreversible
B) reversible
C) abhorring
D) attractive

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E) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Contest: An event in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity.

2) Answer: A

Performance: An action or process of performing a task or function

3) Answer: C

Interfere: Intervene in a situation without necessity

4) Answer: D

Coastline: The land along a coast

5) Answer: A

Response: A reaction to something

6. Answer: B

Unsolicited (not requested/invited) is the correct usage, encumbered(burdensome) all other options don't fit contextually.

7. Answer: A

sway(influence) is the correct usage, punctilious/meticulous(attention to detail) brusque(rude behavior) are all incorrect contextually.

8. Answer: C

remnants(remaining portion of something)is correct usage, snafu(chaos) kerfuffle(fight) drubbing(defeat) are all incorrect contextually.

9. Answer: B

solatium(compensation) is the correct usage, hamstrung(block) slovenly(untidy) incumbent(responsibility) are all incorrect as per context.

10. Answer: D

plunged(jump or dive quickly) is the correct usage, Obliged(to constrain someone by force) all other options are incorrect.

11. Answer: B

Absconding (to flee away secretly to avoid arrest), the usage of word ‘famous’ for a person in a negative context is incorrect, hence option b is apt, the meaning of other words are Appeasing (to satisfy) Bedizen (to dress gaudily)

12. Answer: D

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mulling (thinking over something) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

13. Answer: A

compromise (to breach) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

14. Answer: C

Dry run (trial run or rehearsal) is the correct answer option, initiative cannot occupy the blank since such vowel sounding words need to be preceded by article ‘an’.

15. Answer: D

Blanketed (covering everything) is the correct answer option , all other options are incorrect.

16. Answer: C

Since we are talking about discovery of feathered dinosaurs and also the relationship between them and birds after the blank, evolutionary is correct with respect to the context of the sentence.

17. Answer: D

A, B and C all are negative in meaning. The sentence praises Mother Teresa here and therefore D is correct where resolute means determined.

Now, Just for keeping little knowledge: When we have a series of events that occurred in the past and ended the past, the last of the events entails a simple past and the previous events, any number, one or more, will entail past perfect.

18. Answer: B

The blank needs an adjective and a word positive in meaning. B satisfies both.

19. Answer: B

The sentence says that instead of ignoring a company, analysts should recognize that prospects should be taken seriously. Therefore B is correct.

20. Answer: A

clearly the blank needs “irreversible” because it is talking about climate change and as per the context, the word is correct.

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1. Unless the authorities adopt the principle____ the strategies cannot become_____.
(a) whole-heartedly, successful
(b) fully, defunct
(c) finally, obsolete
(d) legitimately, noteworthy
(e) logically, trivial

3. Trying to ____ a team without a good and simple system is like trying to drive a car without a steering wheel _______.
(a) form, working
(b) place, exploratory
(c) organize, empowering
(d) make, guidance
(e) achieve, development

4. ____ members of a group often ______ influence the outcome of a consensus forecast
(a) fixed, exert
(b) majority, rightly
(c) oral, legitimately
(d) minority, inadvertently
(e) dominant, unduly

5. Transforming ____ bureaucracies into dynamic, this task of customer-driven organization is______ under prevailing circumstances.
(a) ideal, important
(b) lazy, undesirable
(c) inefficient, challenging
(d) civilized, ineffective
(e) lethargic, insurmountable

6. The Deputy Manager _______ to resign because all his proposals were _____ down by superiors.
(a) planned, thrown
(b) gave, held
(c) began, kept
(d) willing, knocked
(e) threatened, turned

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7. He is so ___ that everyone is always_____ to help in his work.
(a) helpful, reluctant
(b) aloof, cooperative
(c) adamant, enthusiastic
(d) miserly, ignorant
(e) magnanimous, eager

8. He was initially____ at the suggestion but was soon_____ it himself.
(a) anger, rejecting
(b) shocked, advocating
(c) impressed, negating
(d) thrilled, propagating
(e) suspicious, trusting

9. Shalini was not____ by the criticism and paid no____ even when her best friend talked against her.
(a) bothered, attention
(b) troubled, brained
(c) threatened, warning
(d) deterred, heed
(e) shaken, indication

10. She was ____ because all her plan had gone_____
(a) happy, selected
(b) dejected, splendidly
(c) distraught, awry
(d) frustrated, magnificently
(e) None of these

11. He preaches liberal views but in practice, he is not ______ and is ___ narrow minded than almost any other person
(a) tough, openly
(b) tolerant, more
(c) ambitious, hardly
(d) acceptable, genuinely
(e) approachable, less

12. Ravi ____ a bit _____ he was not invited by his friend to attend the party.
(a) annoyed, before
(b) angered, since
(c) expressed, than
(d) grumbled, when
(e) surprised, about

13. He is ____ to ____any kind of work with due sincerity.

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(a) fond, perform
(b) reluctant, entrust
(c) determined, undertake
(d) eager, avoid
(e) willing, ignore

14. Children are more ___ than adults, it is ______ their quickness in learning a new language.

(a) intelligent, disproved by
(b) adaptable, reflected in
(c) conservative, seen in
(d) susceptible, demonstrated in
(e) resourceful, proportionate to

15. ______ of crops was due to continuous______

(a) loss, draught
(b) ruin, draft
(c) failure, drought
(d) depreciation, drift
(e) none of these

16 . P a ha s ____ i athleti s yielded i h _____ as she got a scholarship.

(a) performance, money
(b) defeat, results
(c) behavior, appreciation
(d) excellence, dividends
(e) failure, disappointment

17. The police ______ any attempt of arson by _____ at the trouble spot quite in time.

(a) squashed, surrounding
(b) made, encircling
(c) predisposed, visiting
(d) thwarted, presenting
(e) pre-empted, arriving

18. The _______ imposed for non-payment was too ______ for it to bring in improvement in collection.

(a) fine, serve
(b) toll, simple
(c) penalty, low
(d) damage, cruel
(e) punishment, harsh

19. Somesh_____ me coming to his table, he smiled and____ me a chair.

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(a) found, signaled
(b) met, sat
(c) looked, gave
(d) saw, offered
(e) welcomed, took

20. The leader were ______ needed by those to ____ they addressed.

(a) angrily, who
(b) readily, which
(c) scarcely, whom
(d) rarely, where
(e) None of these

Solutions

1	A	11	B
2	A	12	D
3	A	13	C
4	E	14	B
5	C	15	C
6	E	16	D
7	E	17	E
8	B	18	C
9	A	19	D
10	C	20	C

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1. I am not _____ to sell you my house unless you offer a more _______ price.

(a) agree, better

(b) prepared, realistic

(c) ready, correct

(d) having, actual

(e) None of these

2. Due to _____ rain All this year, there will be _____ cut in water supply.

(a) scantly, substantial

(b) meagre, least

(c) sufficient, no

(d) surplus, abundant

(e) abundant, considerable

3. In a changing and ______ unstructured business environment, creativity and innovation are being______ demanded of executives.

(a) excessively, rapidly

(b) highly, extremely

(c) increasingly, moderately

(d) progressively, increasingly

(e) highly, speedily

4. We are ____ to have him_____ here to make this function a great success.

(a) happy, have

(b) unhappy, arrive

(c) sure, come

(d) pleased, over

(e) wonderful, again

5. To ____ yourself from ____ wear worm clothes.

(a) prohibit, heat

(b) protect, cloth

(c) save, heat

(d) suffer, cold

(e) prevent, ice

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6. We ____ him with many promises, but nothing would______ him.

(a) tempted, influence
(b) provoked, desiccate
(c) attracted, fascinate
(d) gave, deprive
(e) negotiable, please

7. In his_____ he followed the___ course.

(a) agony, funny
(b) ignorance, wrong
(c) hurry, diversified
(d) predicament, proper
(e) bewilderment, appropriate

8. The construction of the hall has been ____ because of the _______ of cement in the market.

(a) held, non-availability
(b) denied, restrictions
(c) hampered, shortage
(d) prevented, supply
(e) completed, disappearance

9. Only when______ failed, the police resorted to____.

(a) efforts, power
(b) arrests, imprisonment
(c) persuasions, shortage
(d) power, punishment
(e) manipulation, arrests

10. The partners broke off as they found each other_______ of ________ breach of promise.

(a) faulty, severe
(b) responsible, serious
(c) guilty, flagrant
(d) accused, rigid
(e) None of these

11. They wanted to ____ all these books, but they could not find ________ time to do so.

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(a) cover, almost
(b) pursue, necessary
(c) dispose, some
(d) read, sufficient
(e) buy, some

12. Though he is reputed for his technical_______,his books were sadly ______ of the work of others as he lacked.

(a) advice, unconscious
(b) skill, independent
(c) knowledge, ignorant
(d) expertise, derivative
(e) dependence, indicative

13. He had managed to ______ several times, but was finally _______ by the police.

(a) deceive, cheated
(b) defend, acquitted
(c) escape, arrested
(d) cheat, robbed
(e) abscond, kidnapped

14. It is _____ for every tax payer to _____ the tax returns to the Income Tax Department.

(a) necessary lodge
(b) binding, pay
(c) obligatory, submit
(d) possible, remit
(e) worthwhile, evade

15. In ___ of International matters, there is always an element of risk in ___ one might do.

(a) view, whichever
(b) many, doing
(c) defence, wrong
(d) case, whatever
(e) spite, whatever

16. We must prevent endangered wild animal species from

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becoming___ in order that our future generation may ___ great diversity of animal life

(a) rare, escape
(b) outdated, now
(c) volatile, notice
(d) powerful, protect
(e) extinct, enjoy

17. We cannot ______ such a/an ______ act of violence.

(a) tolerate, insipid
(b) consider, important
(c) commit, magnificent
(d) pardon, egregious
(e) neglect, insignificant

18. The _____ words of the mother comforted the _____ child.

(a) harsh, naughty
(b) sweet, happy
(c) soft, energetic
(d) melodious, playful
(e) None of these

19. Santhosh looked very happy and____when he heard that his proposed scheme was _____ by the committee.

(a) energetic, rejected
(b) elated, accepted
(c) satisfied, stalled
(d) disconsolate, approved
(e) overwhelming, stalled

20. It is indeed_____ that fifty years after independence, we have failed to_____ a suitable education on examination system.

(a) bed, produce
(b) improper, create
(c) sad, evolve
(d) objectionable, present
(e) None of these

Solutions

1 B
2 A
3 D
4 D
5 B
6 A
7 B
8 C
9 E
10 C
11 D
12 D
13 C
14 C
15 D
16 D
17 E
18 D
19 B
20 C

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Question 1

The town of Chagres, at the mouth of the river of the same name, is ____ thirty-two miles west of Porto Bello (Puerto Velo); it is _____ on the north bank of the river, which falls into the Caribbean Sea.

A upward, parked

B further, indefinite

C about, situated

D from, placed

E afar, planted

Question 2

As George Washington longed to go to sea, Abraham Lincoln seems to have _____ to "follow the river." He tried to _____ out as deck hand, but his age was against him.

A craved, rent

B despised, employ

C ached, lease

D disliked, angage

E yearned, hire

Question 3

When Handel reached England he _____ himself already well known there. The English people knew their operas, and liked them so much that Handel _____ to stay.

A believed, open

B anticipated, negotiated

C found, concluded

D accustomed, established

E begin, tried

Question 4

Of course the oldest empires in the world were ______ empires, centring upon the worship of a god or of a god-king. Alexander was treated as a

divinity and the Caesars were gods in so much as they had altars and temples ________ to them.

A historical, allocated
B religious, devoted
C grand, committed
D monstrous, dedicated
E courageous, afforded

Question 5

An increasing number of students _____ me with documentation from the student disabilities office that ______ them to use a laptop to take notes.

A threaten, benefit
B present, entitles
C shower, guarantee
D burden, believe
E call, allows

Question 6

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.
I want to buy some pens at the ________ shop.
I read this paragraph in the 5th _______ of the series.

A stationary
B stationery
C book
D edition
E volume

Question 7

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.
If you want to ____ the exam, you have to study well.
____ polish has become too expensive.

A clear
B nail
C pass
D shoe
E None of the words are applicable in both the blanks

Question 8

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It is difficult to ___ why well-bred people avoid certain words and ____ that are admitted by etymology and grammar

A Invent, Grammar

B Find, Sentences

C Discover, Slangs

D Explain, Expressions

E Look, Events

Question 9

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.

The fan waited all day to meet his favorite star. From this, we can ___ his zeal to see him.

What can you ____ from his statements in the meeting?

A judge

B contemplate

C see

D learn

E infer

Question 10

The name of Christ had been ____in Britain during the period of Roman rule, but we do not know who first _____ it.

A heard, sounded

B witnessed, resonated

C learned, told

D perceived, blew

E obtained, shouted

Question 11

The Syrian Civil War __ out of the unrest of the 2011 Arab Spring and __ to armed conflict after President Bashar al-Assad's government violently repressed protests calling for his removal.

A broke, increased

B kept, grown

C thrown, turned

D grew, escalated

E grew, caused

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Question 12

A period of forty years ___ before Europe fitted out another ___.

A went, achievement

B stagnant, journey

C arrived, option

D elapsed, crusade

E passed, caught

Question 13

The victorious Greeks pressed ___ forward to prevent the foe from embarking, and, if possible, to ___ some of the ships.

A quick, catch

B rapidly, capture

C fast, hijack

D slowly, neutralize

E casually, damage

Question 14

The mad rulers, not satisfied with deluging their own country _____ blood, were at war with ______ of the neighbouring nations.

A in, few

B on, handful

C with, most

D in, at most

E with, number

Question 15

The idea of a body so _____ that even light could not ______ was first put forward by John Michell in a letter written in 1783 to Henry Cavendish.

A enormous, bright

B tired, enter

C exterior, flash

D massive, escape

E dwarfed, departed

Question 16

The Greek-speaking ______ half of the Roman Empire showed much more political _______ than the western half.

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A eastern, politics
B northern, determination
C northern, resolution
D eastern, tenacity
E western, insistence

Question 17

As the trainer, with raised lash, hesitated an instant at the entrance to the box where the boy and the ape _______ him, a tall broad-shouldered man _______ past him and entered.

A stopped, sneaked
B saw, beat
C confronted, sneaked
D beat, slept
E confronted, pushed

Question 18

___ the brilliant performance by Alastair Cook, England could not ___ India.

A In spite, beat
B Although, defeat
C Because, win
D Despite, defeat
E More than one of the above

Question 19

The Magyars realised from the beginning the importance of an understanding between themselves and Prussia, and they _____ their foreign policy ______.

A wandered, appropriately
B conducted, unsuitably
C assisted, afoul
D directed, accordingly
E guided, erroneously

Question 20

The adolescent brain is ______ for exploration and simply has circuitry with greater sensitivity in _______ for emotion and memory than the

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brains of younger children or adults.

A inclined, limbs
B temperate, areas
C adherent, hub
D thirsty, centres
E keen, focus

Solutions

Solution 1

Answer: C

Explanation:

From the context of the passage we find that the first blank requires a word that indicates location and the second blank requires a word similar to “ ”. Only option C satisfies both the blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

Solution 2

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to “ longed“ and the second blank requires a word similar to “employ“. Only option E satisfies both the blanks and thus, E is the right choice.

Solution 3

Answer: C

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to “ “ and the second blank requires a word similar to “ decided“. Only option C satisfies both the blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

Solution 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

The lines talk about the worship of gods and god-kings. So the words religious and devoted fit best in the blanks.

Solution 5

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Answer: B

Explanation:

The second blank is a verb that is used for documentation which is singular. Thus, the verb should be in singular form.

Thus, only b and e can fill the second blank. Among b and e, only present can fit in the first blank as call in the first blank makes no sense. Thus, the answer is B.

Solution 6

Answer: C

Explanation:

Options c), d) and e) are applicable in the second blank whereas options a) and c) are applicable in the first blank. So, option c) is applicable in both the blanks.

Solution 7

Answer: B

Explanation:

Options a), b) and c) are applicable in the first blank and options b) and d) are applicable in the second blank. So, option b) nail is applicable in both the blanks. ‘Nail’ an exam is to do extremely well in the exam.

Solution 8

Answer: D

Explanation:

option to choose is D.

Solution 9

Answer: E

Explanation:

The only word that makes both the sentences coherent is ‘infer’. To infer something is to draw an understanding based on certain premises and assumptions, which is true in both the cases.

So, option e) is the correct answer.

Solution 10

Answer: A

Explanation:

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From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to " discovered" and the second blank requires a word similar to "spoke". Only option A satisfies both the blanks and thus, A is the right choice.

Solution 11

Answer: D

Explanation:

Only 'grew' fits the first blank. Caused is meaningless in the second blank whereas 'escalated' makes a meaningful sentence. Hence option d is the correct answer.

Solution 12

Answer: D

Explanation:

'stagnant' needs some preposition. Since there is not preposition before the blank, option B can be ruled out. The combination of 'arrived' and 'option' does not convey any logical meaning to the sentence.Hence C can be ruled out as well. 'fitted out an achievement' is a meaningless phrase, hence A is also incorrect. Both elapsed and passed are correct for the first blank but 'caught' is totally unrelated to the context of the second blank. Hence, E is also incorrect.

Thus, Option D is the correct answer.

Solution 13

Answer: B

'quick' and 'fast' are grammatically incorrect for the first blank. 'casually' and 'slowly' do not fit the context. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

Solution 14

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct phrase is 'deluging country with blood'. Between C and E, C is the correct answer as only 'most' fit the second blank.

Solution 15

Answer: D

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Explanation:
The words that fit in the first blank are - enormous, massive and dwarfed. 'Departed' cannot be in the second blank as
the verb in the second blank should be in simple present form. 'Bright' in the place of second blank doesn't make any
sense in the context. 'Escape' fits in the second blank perfectly. Thus, D is the correct answer.

Solution 16

Answer: D

Explanation:
The first blank should be "eastern" as it is referring to the half other than western half. Now Options A and D are
possible answers. The term "political politics" doesn't mean anything and "political tenacity" means political grip or
hold which fits properly in the blank. Hence Option D is the answer.

Solution 17

Answer: E

Explanation:
As the second blank talks about a tall broad shouldered man only the word pushed fits correctly in this blank. Also in
the first blank the trainer was confronted by a boy and an ape is perfect.

Solution 18

Answer: D

Explanation:
Defeat makes most sense in the second blank as 'win' would make the sentence grammatically incorrect. 'Although' is
grammatically incorrect in the first sentence. Despite is the best choice for the first blank. Hence the correct option is
option d.

Solution 19

Answer: D

Explanation:
From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word similar to "instructed" and the second blank

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requires a word similar to “duly”. Only option D satisfies both blanks.

Solution 20

Answer: D

Explanation:

Inclined, thirsty and keen can replace first blank. Only ‘centres’ make sense in the second blank. Thus, the answer is D.

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Question 1

I mostly fall ________ my family in times of need.

The kid was very impressed _______ himself.

A back on, with

B over, with

C over, by

D over, about

E back on, by

Question 2

The Indian Army's Special Forces __ out the surgical strikes with great __.

A carried, precision

B forced, effect

C applied, determination

D range, entire

E conducted, accuracy.

Question 3

Learning to live and work in space is _____ to all of our future space _____.

A major, discoveries

B crucial, adventure

C essential, explorations

D important, outing

E considerable, expeditions

Question 4

They _____ their spokesperson for making _______ comments on women.

A upbraided, laudatory

B praised, biased

C promoted, bigoted

D fired, inappropriate

E None of these

Question 5

He wanted to _________ out of anger but couldn't.

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Before you all ________, hear me out.

A agree

B come

C stand

D sit

E go

Question 6

From the options given below, select the word that fits in both the blanks.

1. Europeans find the ______ of India very hot.

2. He always ______ his horse before the race.

A spices

B food

C feeds

D climate

E curries

Question 7

The electromagnetic force is the one _____ for practically all the phenomena one encounters in daily life above the nuclear scale, with gravity as the only _____

A behind, irregularity

B source, inclusion

C causes, anomaly

D agent, possibility

E responsible, exception

Question 8

The ____ of the bus ride to Andheri is different for men and women. Life is not ____.

A fair, fare

B fair, fair

C meaning, clever

D fare, fair

E None of these

Question 9

In spite of ____ several obstacles, she ____ a way to educate herself and her siblings.

A facing, found

B seeing, managed

C foreseeing, swept

D encountering, defined

E discovering, felt

Question 10

There is ____ sweet companion ____ pure charity.

A some, as

B many, similar to

C no, like

D no, equal

E as many, as

Question 11

Sumeet was a ____ fan of biographies and had read over a hundred biographies of ______ politicians and businessmen.

A giant, many

B big, prominent

C huge, rich

D famous, corrupt

E known, famous

Question 12

I think we should discuss this ___, let's walk ____ along the beach.

A further, further

B further, farther

C farther, further

D farther, farther

E None of the above

Question 13

Israel has been India's only _______ friend. They ______ us every single time: from the 1971 war to the Kargil war.

A all-weather, supported

B true, came

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C isolated, backed
D distinguished, helped
E infamous, mooted

Question 14

The investigation of the NTSB _____that several persons had reported a/an _____ gas leak in the building in the days leading up to the explosion.

A evident, purported
B dispute, honorary
C revealed, alleged
D concealing, apparent
E acknowledged, estimated

Question 15

From the options given below, select the word that fits best in both the given blanks.

1. Mr. Shukla has been the _____ of this college for 10 years
2. She doubled her ______ in four years

A principle
B principal
C income
D head
E revenue

Question 16

The European Commission _____ ____ a hefty tax bill to Apple, Inc.

A give, away
B gave, away
C handed, over
D handed, down
E cut, down

Question 17

The hydroelectric project is likely to _____ jobs and ____ employment opportunities to the local
population.

A involve, new
B introduce, give

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C provide, reduce
D produce, help
E generate, provide

Question 18

Getting some exercise in can be quite a _____ considering the fact that many of us have an _____ busy schedule.

A challenge, extremely
B objection, entirely
C threat, perfectly
D demand, inadequately
E demur, absolutely

Question 19

It was in the year of our Lord 1629 that Mynheer Wouter Van Twiller was _________ governor of the province of Nieuw Nederlandts, under the __________ and control of their High Mightiness's, the Lords States General of the United Netherlands, and the privileged West India Company.

A appointed, expel
B decommissioned, commission
C appointed, commission
D ignored, expel
E enacted, commission

Question 20

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the options given.
The strike by the bank employees __ in heavy losses for the government.

A lead
B resulted
C caused
D pushed
E none of these

Solutions

Solution 1

Answer: A
Explanation:

The first blank should be filled with the word “back on” as the phrase fall back on means “have recourse to when in difficulty”. The second blank should be filled with the word “with”.

Solution 2

Answer: A

Explanation:

Only ‘carried’ is grammatically correct in the first blank. ‘Applied’, ‘range’, ‘conducted’ and ‘forced’ in the first blank, makes the sentence grammatically incorrect. Thus, the correct choice is option A.

Solution 3

Answer: C

Explanation:

Only crucial, essential, and important can fit in the first blank. Among adventure, explorations, and outing, only explorations fit in the second blank as other are singular nouns while we need a plural noun.

Solution 4

Answer: D

Explanation:

The spokesperson made either positive or negative comments on women. If the comments were negative, as in options b, c and d, then the spokesperson would have to be fired or upbraided. If they were positive like option a, they would be praised. Hence, only option D makes sense.

Solution 5

Answer: E

Explanation:

The word that fits both the blanks is go.

Solution 6

Answer: E

Explanation:

Curries is the only word that fits both the blanks. To curry a horse means to comb it with a currycomb. In 1, curry

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means a dish cooked with vegetables, spices etc.

Solution 7

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to "reason" and the second blank requires a word that means similar to "inconsistency". Only option E satisfies both blanks and thus E is the right choice.

Solution 8

Answer: D

Explanation:

Fair means without fraud or cheating while fare means sum charged for riding. Fare fits the first blank and fair fits the second. The answer is D.

Solution 9

Answer: A

Explanation:

Only option a fits the second blank. Hence, option A.

Solution 10

Answer: C

Explanation:

Since the blank is preceded by 'is', 'some', 'many', 'as many' can't follow the blank.

Between Options C and D, Option D is incorrect as 'equal pure charity' is grammatically incorrect. If it were 'equal to pure charity' it would have been right.

C fits in both the blanks perfectly. Thus, C is the correct answer.

Solution 11

Answer: B

Explanation:

Options b and c fit the first blank. Between rich and prominent, prominent is more suitable given the context of the sentence. Hence, option B.

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Solution 12

Answer: B

Explanation:

'Further' is used to denote an additional amount of time or degree while 'farther' is used to refer to physical distance.

Hence, the correct sentence is 'I think we should discuss this further, let's walk farther along the beach'.

Solution 13

Answer: A

Explanation:

Options a, b and s fit the first blank. Options a, c, d fit the second blank. Between options a and c, only option a makes sense. An 'all-weather' friend is one who supports you in all conditions. Hence, option A.

Solution 14

Answer: C

Explanation:

From the context of the sentence we can infer that the first blank requires a word similar to "report" and the second blank requires a word similar to "claimed". Only option C satisfies both blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

Solution 15

Answer: B

Explanation:

The words 'principal', 'income' and 'revenue' are applicable in the second blank. The words 'principal' and 'head' are applicable in the first blank. So, the only word that is applicable in both the blanks is 'principal'. Option b) is the correct answer.

Solution 16

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct sentence would be "The European Commission handed down a hefty tax bill to Apple, Inc." The meaning of

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the phrase "hand down" in this context is "to announce or deliver a (legal) verdict or indictment".

Solution 17

Answer: E

Explanation:

Provide and generate fit in the first blank. Give and provide fit in the second blank. Hence, option E.

Solution 18

Answer: A

Explanation:

The first blank requires a word that is similar to 'difficult' and the second blank requires a word that is similar to
'maximum limit'. Only option A satisfies both the blanks. Thus, A is the right choice.

Solution 19

Answer: C

Explanation:

The first blank can only filled by the word appointed among the options given. So we are left with options A and C. The
word expel does not make sense in the second blank and thus the blank has to be filled by the word commission.

Solution 20

Answer: B

Explanation:

Although all the options a, b and c can fit the blank, the use of ‘in’ after the blank leaves us with only ‘resulted’
because ‘lead in’ and ‘caused in’ are not the correct usages in the context of the passage. Hence option b is the
correct choice.

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Question 1

To persons _____ to living in a frugal way, three hundred dollars seem a _____.

A adapted, debt
B comparable, gold mine
C acquainted, prosperity
D accustomed, fortune
E corresponding, worthy

Question 2

Industrial education is now imperative for every nation that would __ in agriculture, manufacture, and trade, not only because of the growing intensity of competition, but because of the __ of the apprentice system and the growing intricacy of processes, requiring only the skill needed for livelihood.

A benefit, growth
B excel, decline
C grow, increase
D advance, complexity
E more than one of the above

Question 3

My father intended that I should one day take charge of his business: but since I displayed greater _________ than he expected, with the advice of his friends, he resolved that I should study medicine; for a physician, if he only knows more than a common _________, can make his fortune in India.

A strength, knowledge
B capacity, quack
C opacity, healings
D intensity, fraud
E wisdom, cold

Fill in the blanks

Question 4

The refugees from Afghanistan have to trek over ______ mountains to escape war and economic _____ at home.

A tricky, destitute

B dangerous, warfare

C hilly, downturn

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D languid, armageddon

E treacherous, deprivation

Question 5

Science may just continue to _____ the problems of over population in the future, so maybe we shouldn't be so ____ to call for a global "one child rule" just yet.

A delve, scornful

B calculate, haughty

C settle, vain

D solve, quick

E explain, snobbish

Question 6

A history of the popular opinion of the antiquity of man is not only of _________, but should teach a lesson to all who think others are wrong because not holding the same _________ as they do.

A disinterest, opinion

B acceptance, position

C derision, view

D revision, opinion

E interest, views

Question 7

From the options, choose the word that fits in both the blanks for each of the questions.

The number on his phone was not __________, but he answered anyway.

She heard a __________ voice as she turned around.

A known

B familiar

C base

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D strange

E common

Question 8

Kishore says he tries to be _____ but admits he occasionally _____.

A lavish, splurges

B frugal, binges

C economical, saves

D scanty, hoards

E none of these

Question 9

Ramesh had very little time to consider the ______ of his actions. As a result, his actions were met with _______.

A impacts, tremendous

B repercussions, failure

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C intensity, disaster

D sanctity, refrain

E difficulty, shame

Question 10

As Kumar joined the __________ queues outside the ATM, he cursed the Modi government. More than the long-term benefits of the move, he was concerned about the ________ pain he had to go through.

A long, gross

B distant, harsh

C fallen, recent

D gargantuan, individual

E serpentine, immediate

11. Jawaharlal Nehru University decided to partially rollback the _______ in hostel fees, Human Resources Development Ministry officials said, after _______ protests from students.

a) Procrastinate, Abolishing

b) Hike, Vehement

c) Advent, Tentative

d) Sectarian, Profound

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e) Impetus, Innate

12. The philosophy and teachings of Guru Nanak ________ the corridors of the US Capitol as powerful American lawmakers and eminent Indian-Americans celebrated the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak and __________ that his principles were more relevant today than ever before.

a) Goad, Forecasted
b) Uplifted, Familiarized
c) Decree, Ambit
d) Scuttle, Resulted
e) Echoed, Underscored

13. The argument was that the BJP would appropriate the credit for closing a long-drawn litigation that was __________ on faith and myths rather than facts and the Sena would have no choice but to _________ its ally and uphold Hindutva.

a) Professed, Heed
b) Thwart, Outbreak
c) Anticipated, Envisage
d) Underpinned, Embrace
e) Envisioned, Entitle

14. The Sena _________ of 'kar sevaks' was small, but the party, and then helmed by the feisty Bal Thackeray, was extraordinarily ________.

a) Brooding, Cognizant
b) Emancipating, Coherent
c) Contingent, Voluble
d) Comprising, Hindered
e) Maimed, Humane

15. In a _________ attack on the BJP, the Shiv Sena said it was deriving "_________ pleasure" out of the struggle of other political parties to form government in Maharashtra.

a) Ferocious, Extreme
b) Ambient, Incredible
c) Vitriolic, Sadistic
d) Autocratic, Asserted
e) Rote, Subsumed

16. Hosting a _______ of devotees on the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, gurdwaras across the tricity were _______ in the colourful net of lights, envisaging a splendid spiritual retreat.

a) Bundle, Covered
b) Gamut, Draped
c) Apathy, Emanated
d) Reiteration, Recognized
e) Encroachment, Ramified

17. While the locals set the pitch of religious _______ with 'prabhat pheris' or morning processions that resounded Nanak's message of peace, oneness and brotherhood in almost every street of the city, the Sikh shrines _______ with hymns and shabad throughout the day.

a) Fervour, Reverberated
b) Intruding, Compelled
c) Cognition, Rebuffed
d) Infringement, Sustained
e) Dodging, Handover

18. While onion prices have shown no signs of cooling over the past few days, the Bengaluru market is witnessing yet another _______ problem with bulbs worth lakhs of rupees _______ on the streets.

a) Contemplating, Restraining
b) Peculiar, Rotting
c) Rustic, Rhetoric
d) Vigorous, Sagacious
e) Rogue, Echoing

19. The Congress said the Supreme Court expressed limitations in _______ the deal and also observed that nothing stops the police to investigate a _______ offense.

a) Banishing, Fair
b) Probing, Cognisable
c) Accrediting, Inane
d) Instigating, Exasperate
e) Apprehending, Flatter

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20. Sabarimala _______ argue that women of menstrual age are prohibited from offering prayers as the deity there, Ayyappa, is a _______.

a) Revered, Influx

b) Dominated, Vigour

c) Vigour, Defective

d) Custodians, Celibate

e) Palpable, Profit

Solutions

Solution 1

Answer: D

Explanation:

The first blank requires a word that means similar to "habitual" and the second blank requires a word that means similar to "huge sum of money".

Solution 2

Answer: B

Explanation:

From the tone of the sentence, we can infer that the first blank can be filled by advance or excel. For the second blank, decline is better choice than complexity. Hence option b is the correct answer.

Solution 3

Answer: B

Explanation:

Only the word “capacity” fits well in the first blank.

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Solution 4

Answer: E

Explanation:

Only options a, b and e fit the first blank. The second blank must be a noun. Hence, we can eliminate option A as it is an adjective. Option b does not fit second blank. Hence, option E.

Solution 5

Answer: D

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Explanation:
The first blank requires a word that means similar to "answer" and the second blank requires a word that means the
same "fast". Only option D satisfies both blanks and is thus the right choice.

Solution 6

Answer: E
Explanation:
The words “interest” and “views” fit perfectly in the blanks.

Solution 7

Answer: B
Explanation:
The first sentence suggests that he was not aware of the phone number on his phone.
Options A, C and D do not fit in the first blank.
Between option B and E, option B fits the best.
Hence, option B is the answer.

Solution 8

Answer: B
Explanation:
From the context of the sentence we can see that the first blank requires a word that means the same as
"economical" and the second blank requires a word that means the same as "spend thrift". Only option B satisfies both
blanks and is the correct choice.

Solution 9

Answer: B
Explanation:
From the context, we can infer that the first missing word means effects. Hence, we can eliminate all options apart
from options a and b. “impacts” does not fit in grammatically in the first blank.
Hence, the answer is option B.

Solution 10

Answer: E
Explanation:

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Options a and e fit the first blank. Only option e fits the second blank. Hence, option E.

11. The correct answer is B – Hike, Vehement

Meaning: Procrastinate – Delay or postpone an action, Vehement - Intense, Advent- Arrival of something that has
been awaited, Sectarian – Of or relating to a sect, Profound – A very great or intense (feeling, quality or emotion),
Impetus – A force that moves or inspiration, Innate - Natural
Jawaharlal Nehru University decided to partially rollback the **hike** in hostel fees, Human Resources Development
Ministry officials said, after **vehement** protests from students.

12. The correct answer is E _ Echoed, Underscored

Meaning: Goad – Provoke or annoy to stimulate an action or reaction, Decree – An official order, Ambit – Range
or limit of something, Scuttle – Move with hurried or quick steps, Echoed – Repetition of a sound, Underscored – to emphasize
The philosophy and teachings of Guru Nanak **echoed** the corridors of the US Capitol as powerful American
lawmakers and eminent Indian-Americans celebrated the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak and
underscored that his principles were more relevant today than ever before.

13. The correct answer is D – Underpinned, Embrace

Meaning: Professed – Openly claimed or declared, Heed – Pay attention to, Thwart – Prevent to accomplish something, Anticipated – Predicted or probable, Envisage – Imagine or form an image of something that is not real, Underpinned - Support, Embraced – Accept a belief, theory or change or to hug someone; Envisioned - Visualize
The argument was that the BJP would appropriate the credit for closing a long-drawn litigation that was
underpinned on faith and myths rather than facts and the Sena would have no choice but to **embrace** its ally and
uphold Hindutva.

14. The correct answer is C – Contingent, Voluble

Meaning: Brooding – Deeply or seriously thinking, cognizant – Having knowledge or awareness, Emancipating –
Give equal rights to someone or making someone free from slavery, Coherent – Logical and consistent,
Contingent – Possible but not certain to happen, Hindered – Make it difficult for someone, Maimed – Wounded
or injured to make a part permanently damaged, Humane – Having or showing compassion or an act to show
humanity
The Sena **contingent** of 'kar sevaks' was small, but the party, and then helmed by the feisty Bal Thackeray, was
extraordinarily **voluble**.

15. The correct answer is C – Vitriolic, Sadistic

Meaning: Ferocious – Violent or extreme, Ambient – Relating to something surrounding of something, Vitriolic –
Filled with bitter criticism, Autocratic – Mighty to rule, Sadistic – Deriving pleasure from humiliation of others,
Rote – Memorization by repetition, Subsumed - Included
In a **vitriolic** attack on the BJP, the Shiv Sena said it was deriving "**sadistic** pleasure" out of the struggle of other
political parties to form government in Maharashtra.

16. The correct answer is B – Gamut, Draped

Meaning: Gamut – A complete range of something, Draped - Covered, Apathy – Lack of interest, Emanated –
Originate from, Encroachment – Entry into someone's property without permission, Ramified – Form brances
Hosting a **gamut** of devotees on the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, gurdwaras across the tricity
were **draped** in the colourful net of lights, envisaging a splendid spiritual retreat.

17. The correct answer is A – Fervour, Reverberated

Meaning: Fervour – Intense or passionate feelings, reverberated – Have continuous and serious effects, intruding

– Put oneself deliberately in a situation, Compelled – Force to do something, Cognition – Process of learning something, Rebuffed – Reject in an abrupt manner, Infringement – The action of breaking the laws, Dodging – Avoid by a sudden or quick movement

While the locals set the pitch of religious **fervour** with 'prabhat pheris' or morning processions that resounded Nanak's message of peace, oneness and brotherhood in almost every street of the city, the Sikh shrines **reverberated** with hymns and shabad throughout the day.

18. The correct answer is B – Peculiar, Rotting

Meaning: Contemplating – Think deeply about something, Peculiar - Strange, Rotting – Decaying of something with time, Rustic – Awkwardly simple and provincial, Rhetoric – Excess use of verbal ornamentation, Sagacious – Insightful and wise, Rogue – A dishonest man

While onion prices have shown no signs of cooling over the past few days, the Bengaluru market is witnessing yet another **peculiar** problem with bulbs worth lakhs of rupees **rotting** on the streets.

19. The correct answer is B – Probing, Cognisable

Meaning: Probing – Inquiring closely into something, Cognisable – Clearly Identifiable, Accrediting – Give credits to someone, Inane – Lack of intelligence, Exasperate – Make someone annoyed or frustated, Apprehending – Understanding or perceiving, Flatter – Lavish praise and compliments on someone

The Congress said the Supreme Court expressed limitations in **probing** the deal and also observed that nothing stops the police to investigate a **cognisable** offense.

20. The correct answer is D – Custodians, Celibate

Meaning: Revered – Profoundly honoured, Vigour - Energy, Celibate – An unmarried person who has taken a

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religious vow of chastity, Custodians – A person who has taken the responsibility of taking care, Palpable – Able
to be touched or felt
Sabarimala **custodians** argue that women of menstrual age are prohibited from offering prayers as the deity there,
Ayyappa, is a **celibate**

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1. It is unfortunate that the Government has failed to take _______ of the _______ law and order situation in the country when one expected it to act responsibly.

a) Muscular, Sparked
b) Altering, Cordoned
c) Culpable, Inundated
d) Bargained, Clustered
e) Cognisance, Deteriorating

2. US lawmakers expressed concern once again with restrictions and detentions in Jammu and Kashmir at a highly _______ hearing of a congressionally-mandated human rights body that has been charged with fielding a "lopsided" panel of witnesses, most of whom are known for their _______ hostility to India.

a) Partisan, Virulent
b) Sparking, Satirical
c) Grooving, Avid
d) Legitimate, Unprecedented
e) Determined, Gospel

3. After posting the worst quarterly loss in India's corporate history, Vodafone Group Plc's _______local venture is appealing for urgent relief from the government to help _______ a collapse.

a) Scavenged, Shore up
b) Manifested, Decide
c) Yielded, Collapse
d) Stranded, Ignore
e) Besieged, Avert

4. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that President Donald Trump has admitted to _______ in the Ukraine scandal at the heart of a Democratic-led inquiry, accusing him of an _______ offence under the U.S. Constitution.

a) Bribery, Impeachment

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b) Disparage, Immediate
c) Raunchy, Extradition
d) Foiled, Immense
e) Burble, Ignited

5. Prithvi Shaw was serving a backdated eight-month suspension handed by the BCCI on July 30 for "_______" consuming cough syrup that contained ________ substance terbutaline.

a) Rooky, Examined
b) Inadvertently, Prohibited
c) Moorings, Inclusion
d) Credibly, Implementing
e) Relentlessly, Accusing

6. _______ for miles in every direction from the dueling skyscrapers on the coast, villa communities have _______ up across the sandy interior, bringing with them schools, hospitals and shopping malls.

a) Winding, Sanctioned
b) Menacing, Dissolving
c) Blogging, Forsaking
d) Sprawling, Sprung
e) Travel, Penchant

7. The Shiv Sena came out all guns _______ against its alliance partner the BJP over caretaker CM Devendra Fadnavis' statements holding them responsible for the stalemate in Maharashtra, betraying the _______ of the electorate.

a) Blocked, Core
b) Firing, Conduct
c) Vanishing, Resilient
d) Blazing, Mandate
e) Down, Performa

8. The NIA has registered a case under the _______ Anti-Hi-jacking Act against a 28-year-old man who allegedly made a _______ call to the Delhi airport to stop his wife from leaving the country for work.

a) Dignitary, Galloping
b) Suspect, Spotlight

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c) Column, Blinker
d) Stringent, Hoax
e) Reiterating, Impending

9. The JNU Students' Union distanced itself from the _______ controversy and condemned the attempts to _______ the students' movement through acts which do not reflect it.

a) Blazing, Stack
b) Defacement, Malign
c) Burning, Repudiate
d) Refurbishment, Critique
e) Concurring, Synergy

10. Even as a debt _______ plan for troubled mortgage lender DHFL is being _______, some commercial banks have already classified the account as NPAs repayment has been due for more than 90 days.

a) Allocation, Voluptuous
b) Tenet, Sardonic
c) Resolution, Contemplated
d) Traversed, Warned
e) Forecasted, Fugitive

11. Our history is _______ with actions that have been judged to be morally incorrect and even today are liable to trigger _______ ideological debate.

a) Repleted, Vociferous
b) Redundant, Loquacious
c) Choleric, Abundant
d) Rhetoric, Sound
e) Garrulous, Prevalent

12. With an eye firmly on Pakistan, Indian called upon the international community to eliminate terrorist safe _______, disrupt their networks and financing, and _______ their cross border movement to ensure sustainable regional security.

a) Paucity, Restrict
b) Maxim, Organize
c) Havens, Thwart
d) Fidelity, Exaggerate

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e) Fervor, Forbade

13. The company law committee has recommended a fresh _______ of the Companies Act to ease filing and _______ requirements while proposing decriminalization of several provisions and lower penalties for small companies and startups.

a) Coup, Cease
b) Caricature, Algorithm
c) Pristine, Law-abiding
d) Reparation, Tenuous
e) Overhaul, Compliance

14. Researchers narrowed down _______ examples of fake news to seven basic categories, including false news, polarized content, _______ misreporting, commentary, persuasive information, and citizen journalism.

a) Myriad, Satire
b) Countless, Rustic
c) Slamming, Potential
d) Irrelevant, Empirical
e) Esteemed, Wooing

15. The panel has sought to provide comfort to audit firms and suggested that _______ should be rare and not the rule and a system of deferred prosecution agreements may be worked out to give _______ entities an opportunity to rectify their mistakes.

a) Exclusion, Honorable
b) Debarment, Errant
c) Entanglement, Savant
d) Ramification, Cajole
e) Surfeit, Victims

16. Heavy winds _______ dozens of fires across Australia's east coast, blanketing Sydney in hazardous smoke and _______ health warning for the country's most populous city.

a) Paraded, Increasing
b) Inherent, Monolithic
c) Levity, Fallout

d) Stirred, Prompting
e) Mourned, Impetus

17. The powerful work of fiction is a _______ to the ways in which stories can reflect society's _______ and attitudes penetrate public consciousness and set the stage for social change.

a) Testament, Mores
b) Example, Tradition
c) Sheer, Momentum
d) Fallout, Affiliation
e) Continuum, Repercussion

18. _______ the engrossingly written stories in Amar Chitra Katha magazine, were _______ hints on people's behaviour, motives and drives which were designed to prepare children for the real world before they would soon enter.

a) Above, Hidden
b) Underneath, Subtle
c) Revamping, Tremendous
d) Endearing, Vital
e) Into, Endemic

19. With a _______ combination of the right policies, economic incentives and awareness campaigns, the problem of managing _______ in an environment-friendly manner can be addressed.

a) Pandemic, Danger
b) Lenient, Repercussions
c) Robust, Stubble
d) Purported, Oblivion
e) Erroneous, Inept

20. The national capital witnessed _______ protests by hundreds of policemen when the personnel _______ their headquarters, demanding intervention and support of senior officers with respect to the clash that took place between them and the lawyers.

a) Incredible, Surrounded
b) Estimated, Obfuscated

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c) Fidelity, Complacent
d) Implemented, Mustered
e) Unprecedented, Gheraoed

Solutions

1. The correct answer is E – Cognisance, Deteriorating

Meaning: Cordoned – Prevent access to or from an area, Sparked – Cause to start, provoke or initiate, Culpable – Deserving blame, Inundated – Submerge, Clustered - Bundled, Deteriorating – Progressively worse

It is unfortunate that the Government has failed to take **cognisance** of the **deteriorating** law and order situation in the country when one expected it to act responsibly.

2. The correct answer is A Partisan, Virulent

Meaning: Partisan – A strong supporter of a party, cause or person, Virulent – Extremely severe or harmful in its effects, Satirical – Mocking someone's weaknesses, Grooving – A settled and monotonous routine that is hard to escape, Avid – Showing a keen interest in, Legitimate – Lawful, Unprecedented – Never happened or existed in the past, Gospel – A teaching of Christ

US lawmakers expressed concern once again with restrictions and detentions in Jammu and Kashmir at a highly **partisan** hearing of a congressionally-mandated human rights body that has been charged with fielding a "lopsided" panel of witnesses, most of whom are known for their **virulent** hostility to India.

3. The correct answer is E – Besieged, Avert

Meaning: Scavenged – Search for and collect anything for discarded waste, Shore up – Support by placing against something solid or rigid, Manifested – Provide evidence for, Collapse – Break down, Stranded – Cut off, Besieged – Surrounded by forces, Avert – Prevent from happening

After posting the worst quarterly loss in India's corporate history, Vodafone Group Plc's **besieged** local venture is appealing for urgent relief from the government to help **avert** a collapse

4. The correct answer is A – Bribery, Impeachment

Meaning: Bribery – Offering something in order to gain an advantage, Impeachment - Blame, Disparage – Express a negative opinion of, Raunchy - Dirty, Extradition - Deportation, Foiled – Disappointingly unsuccessful, Burble – Make a murmuring noise

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that President Donald Trump has admitted to **bribery** in the Ukraine scandal at the heart of a Democratic-led inquiry, accusing him of an **impeachment** offence under the U.S. Constitution.

5. The correct answer is B – Inadvertently, Prohibited

Meaning: Rooky – A person who is new to an organization or with little experience, inadvertently – Without knowledge or intention, Moorings – A place where a boat or ship is tied, Credibly – In a believable or convincing way, Relentlessly - Persistent

Prithvi Shaw was serving a backdated eight-month suspension handed by the BCCI on July 30 for "**inadvertently**" consuming cough syrup that contained **prohibited** substance terbutaline.

6. The correct answer is D – Sprawling, Sprung

Meaning: Menacing - Threatening, Blogging – Writing or editing an online journal, forsaking – The act of giving something up, Sprawling – Spreading out in different directions, Sprung – The season of growth, Penchant – A strong liking

Sprawling for miles in every direction from the dueling skyscrapers on the coast, villa communities have **sprung** up across the sandy interior, bringing with them schools, hospitals and shopping malls.

7. The correct answer is D – Blazing, Mandate

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Meaning: Resilient - Flexible, Blazing – Very heated, Mandate – An official order or commission to do something

The Shiv Sena came out all guns **blazing** against its alliance partner the BJP over caretaker CM Devendra Fadnavis' statements holding them responsible for the stalemate in Maharashtra, betraying the **mandate** of the electorate.

8. The correct answer is D – Stringent, Hoax

Meaning: Dignitary – A person considered to be important because of high rank or office, galloping – Progressing in a rapid and uncontrolled manner, Blinker – A light that flashes on and off, Stringent - Strict, Hoax – A trick or deceive, Reiterating – Say something again or a number of times, Impending – About to occur

The NIA has registered a case under the **stringent** Anti-Hi-jacking Act against a 28-year-old man who allegedly made a **hoax** call to the Delhi airport to stop his wife from leaving the country for work.

9. The correct answer is B – Defacement, Malign

Meaning: Stack – A large amount, Defacement – Damaging an appearance or surface, Malign – Evil or Harmful in nature, Repudiate – Refuse to acknowledge, Refurbishment – The renovation and redecoration of something, Concurring – Of the same opinion, Synergy – Interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations

The JNU Students' Union distanced itself from the **defacement** controversy and condemned the attempts to **malign** the students' movement through acts which do not reflect it.

10. The correct answer is C – Resolution, Contemplated

Meaning: Allocation – To give someone a part of a total amount of something, Voluptuous – Characterized by luxury or pleasure, Tenet – A principle or belief, Sardonic - Humorous, Traversed – Travel across or pass over,

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Fugitive – A person who is hiding
Even as a debt **resolution** plan for troubled mortgage lender DHFL is being **contemplated**, some commercial
banks have already classified the account as NPAs repayment has been due for more than 90 days.

11. The correct answer is A – Repleted, Vociferous

Meaning: Vociferous – Loud and Forceful, Redundant – No longer needer or extra, Loquacious - Talkative,
Choleric - Irritable, Rhetoric – The art of writing and speaking effectively, Garrulous – Excessive talkative,
Prevalent – Widespread in a particular area
Our history is **repleted** with actions that have been judged to be morally incorrect and even today are liable to
trigger **vociferous** ideological debate.

12. The correct answer is C – Havens, Thwart

Meaning: Paucity – The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts, Maxim – A
short statement expressing a general truth, Havens – A place of safety or refuge, Fidelity – Faithfulness to a
person, Exaggerate – Represent something as being larger, better or worse than really is, Fervor – Intense and
Passionate feeling, Forbade – To command someone to not do something
With an eye firmly on Pakistan, Indian called upon the international community to eliminate terrorist safe **havens,**
disrupt their networks and financing, and **thwart** their cross border movement to ensure sustainable regional
security.

13. The correct answer is E – Overhaul, Compliance

Meaning: Coup – A sudden, violet or illegal seizure of power from a government, Caricature – An imitation of a
person in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic effect, Pristine – In its
original condition (Completely free from dirt), Law-abiding – Obedient to laws of society, Reparation – The

action of repairing something, Tenuous – very weak or slight, Overhaul – Very weak or slight

The company law committee has recommended a fresh **overhaul** of the Companies Act to ease filing and **compliance** requirements while proposing decriminalization of several provisions and lower penalties for small companies and startups.

14. The correct answer is A – Myriad, Satire

Meaning: Myriad – Extremely large number of people, Slamming – An insulting and critical attack, Empirical – Derived from experiment and observation rather than theory, Esteemed - Admired, Wooing – To seek someone's favour

Researchers narrowed down **myriad** examples of fake news to seven basic categories, including false news, polarized content, **satire** misreporting, commentary, persuasive information, and citizen journalism.

15. The correct answer is B – Debarment, Errant

Meaning: Debarment – The act of prevention, Errant – Uncontrolled manner, Entanglement – Caught in, Savant – Learned person, Ramification – Act of dividing into branches, Cajole – Persuade something with flattering, Surfeit – An excessive amount of something

The panel has sought to provide comfort to audit firms and suggested that **debarment** should be rare and not the rule and a system of deferred prosecution agreements may be worked out to give **errant** entities an opportunity to rectify their mistakes.

16. The correct answer is D – Stirred, Prompting

Meaning: Monolithic – Large, Powerful, Indivisible and slow to change, Levity – Lack of seriousness, Prompting – The act of saying something to persuade or do something, Mourned – Show sorrow for the death or sadness, Impetus – Inspiration

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Heavy winds **stirred** dozens of fires across Australia's east coast, blanketing Sydney in hazardous smoke and **prompting** health warning for the country's most populous city.

17. The correct answer is A – Testament, Mores

Meaning: Testament – A profession of belief, Mores - Customs, Sheer – Complete and without restriction or qualification, Continuum – A continuous sequence, Repercussion – An unintended consequence of an event or action

The powerful work of fiction is a **testament** to the ways in which stories can reflect society's **mores** and attitudes penetrate public consciousness and set the stage for social change.

18. The correct answer is B – Underneath, Subtle

Meaning: Underneath – Situated directly below, Subtle – Not loud, bright, noticeable, Revamping – Give new and improved form, Endearing – Inspiring affection, Vital – Absolutely necessary, Endemic – A disease found among particular people or in a certain area

Underneath the engrossingly written stories in Amar Chitra Katha magazine, were **subtle** hints on people's behaviour, motives and drives which were designed to prepare children for the real world before they would soon enter.

19. The correct answer is C – Robust, Stubble

Meaning: Pandemic – Prevalent over a whole country or the world, Lenient – Mild or soothing, Robust – Strong and healthy, Stubble – Small pieces of stem or leaves that have been separated from the seeds, Purported - Alleged, Oblivion – The state of being disregarded or forgotten, Erroneous - Wrong, Inept – Showing no skill

With a **robust** combination of the right policies, economic incentives and awareness campaigns, the problem of managing **stubble** in an environment-friendly manner can be addressed.

20. The correct answer is E – Unprecedented, Gheraoed

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Meaning: Obfuscated - Unclear, Complacent – Self satisfied, mustered – Gather or bring together, Gheraoed –
Protest by surrounding a building or person
The national capital witnessed **unprecedented** protests by hundreds of policemen when the personnel **gheraoed**
their headquarters, demanding intervention and support of senior officers with respect to the clash that took place
between them and the lawyers.

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1.) The meeting happened is __________ by records of the minister's stay at hotels for the relevant period and his taxi bills for travel.

a. Stabbed
b. Condemn
c. Vague
d. Corroborated
e. Explain

2.) Unchecked garbage burning and fires in open land is __________Delhi's fight against its deteriorating air quality.

a. Shackled
b. Hiding
c. Spilling
d. Strangled
e. Hampering

3.) Only petrol and hybrid vehicles will not be sufficient to meet the __________fuel efficiency norms.

a. Stringent
b. Strongest
c. Potential
d. Clamour
e. Ginormous

4.) A panel of doctors is yet to give a detailed report to __________the time and cause of death.

a. Abstain
b. Accomplish
c. Ascertain
d. Furnished
e. Finalise

5.) The Centre's investment promotion agency Invest India is __________for space, where officials from several ministries, will be present to address investment queries.

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a. Amazed
b. Scouting
c. Digested
d. Hinterland
e. Breaking

6.) The policymakers needed to __________ over possible policy responses after the rise in trade tensions.

a. Analyzing
b. Decelerate
c. Concentrated
d. Introspect
e. Exempted

7.) The United Government's statutory dues to the state-run retirement fund manager EPFO have__________ to Rs. 9115 Cr, being the highest of all time.

a. Ballooned
b. Blossomed
c. Mitigate
d. Bundled
e. Segregated

8.) The area beneath the ground bridge has turned __________ with ankle-deep dirt at places.

a. Filth
b. Glorious
c. Mucky
d. Vibrantly
e. Discretion

9.) The demolition by Delhi Development Authority had led to massive __________and protests in National Capital and other parts of the country.

a. Ruckus
b. Outcry
c. Outspoken
d. Grubby
e. Prosperity

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10.) Issues such as unemployment, economic slowdown, infrastructure, corruption and inflation took __________over nationalism for voters in the city during the Assembly elections on Monday.

a. Influx
b. Movement
c. Precedence
d. Altering
e. Suspense

11.) The young generation must take up agriculture with a renewed __________ to contribute to economic growth.

a. Muscular
b. Vigour
c. Association
d. Profit
e. Spark

12.) Despite the ruling party's confidence, there was __________ resentment against them in some quarters of the city.

a. Palpable
b. Jeopardize
c. Defective
d. Convenient
e. Proposition

13.) The area was __________offimmediately after the low intensity explosion on the platform at a railway station in Karnataka.

a. Gathered
b. Seal
c. Protect
d. Cordoned
e. Attack

14.) The flood water __________ agricultural fields and entered houses in several parts of the state.

a. Bargained
b. Restricts
c. Inundated

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d. Groove
e. Clustered

15.) The police have booked four persons for __________homicide not amounting to murder.

a. Legitimate
b. Exercise
c. Offending
d. Benchmarked
e. Culpable

16.) A strong team has been making efforts to __________ the tourist boat from the river Godavari that sank on September 15.

a. Scavenged
b. Admonish
c. Capitalised
d. Shore up
e. Salvage

17.) To the __________ of farmers, the new budget has little to help them come out of the loan burden on them.

a. Satisfaction
b. Disagreed
c. Dismay
d. Disparaged
e. Raunchy

18.) The police successfully __________ the party's bid to lay seize to the Pragati Bhavan by detaining 163 people.

a. Foiled
b. Widened
c. Complete
d. Accomplish
e. Failed

19.) Infosys is __________in another controversy after a group said that the company was indulging in "unethical practices" to boost short term revenues and profits.

a. Consolidated

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b. Embroiled
c. Revived
d. Disinvesting
e. Engrossed

20.) There is a gradual increase in __________burning activity in Haryana, Punjab and nearby border regions.

a. Stubble
b. Agony
c. Instant
d. August
e. Conceit

Solutions

1. D

Meaning: Stabbed – cause a sudden sharp sensation or pain, Condemn – to express strong disapproval, Vague – Not clear, Corroborated – Supported by proofs.

The sentence gives details of the stay of a minister. The clause containing blank is in passive voice of Simple Present Tense. In passive voice of Simple Present Tense, the verb is written as "**is/am/are + 3rd form of Verb**". "**Condemn, Vague and Explain"** are in 1st forms of Verb. Thus, these can't fill the blank. Among the rest two options, a meeting can't be "**Stabbed"** as only living beings can be stabbed.

2. E

Meaning: Shackled – limited, Spilling – Cause something to flow over the container, Strangled – hindering or blocking the development, Hampering – Stop the movement or progress

3. A

Meaning: Stringent – Strict, Clamour – a loud noise, Ginormous – Extremely Large

"Ginormous, Strongest or Potential" can't be written before fuel, as fuel norms can't be large, strongest or potential. Also, **Clamour** can't be put before norms because it is also a noun, and what required in the blank is a

Noun.

4. C

Meaning: Abstain - Refrain oneself from doing something, Ascertain – to be sure of something.

Furnished automatically gets cancelled because the Verb that we use after "To" is always the 3rd form of a Verb (Infinitive case). "Time and cause of death" can't be **accomplish/accomplished/finalise.** A detailed report can't be "**abstain". "**To be certain of **the time and cause of death**" makes sense.

5. B

Meaning: Scouting – Explore or examine to gather information about something, Hinterland – A remote or undeveloped area.

Scouting which means to explore or examine information seems perfect here as "The centre's investment promotion agency Invest agency is **exploring** for space".

6. D

Meaning: Decelerate – to reduce the speed of, Introspect – to examine, Exempted - free from an obligation.

Possible policy responses can't be **"analyzed"** as analysis is done of only "already made policies". The word that fits in the sentence is "**introspect",** thereby making, "The policymakers needed to **examine** over possible policy norms".

7. A

Meaning: Ballooned – Increase rapidly, Blossomed – to become healthier, Mitigate – to make something less serious, Bundled – to tie a number of things together, Segregated – to separate things from the rest

"Being the highest of all time" in the end of the sentence highlights that the sentence shows an increase.

"**Blossomed and bundled"** make no sense for this sentence, as funds can't be Blossomed or bundled. From the

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remaining words, "**Mitigate and Segregate"** have similar meaning i.e. to reduce, separate respectively. "**Ballooned"** which refers to "an increase" suits to the message of the sentence.

8. C

Meaning: Filth – disgusting or unpleasant, Mucky – Dirty, Discretion – the freedom or power to make decision by
oneself, Vibrantly - Vibrating.

"With ankle-deep dirt" in the end of the sentence, the blank signals the area to be dirty. Therefore, **Mucky** fits best
to express the sentence as "The area beneath the ground bridge has turned **dirty** with ankle-deep **dirt"**

9. B

Meaning: Ruckus – Disturbance, Outcry – A strong protest, Outspoken – Saying exactly what one thinks although
one can shock others, Grubby – Dirty, Prosperity – the state of being successful

With "protest" after "and" the most similar word we find in options is **"Outcry"** which also means a strong Protest**.**

Also, **Outspoken and grubby** are adjectives, and can't be filled in the blank because the blank needs a noun (as
there is a noun after "and" which requires a similar noun before "and").

10. C

Meaning: Influx – flow towards something, Precedence - Priority in Importance, Altering – bringing change into
something

The phrase "Took over" which are before and after the blank represent domination or of a higher importance. This
takes us to the option C, **Precedence** which denotes domination over something. The issues mentioned in the
sentence can't be "suspense, influx altering and movement".

11. B

Meaning: Muscular – Powerful, Vigour – Strength.

Vigour fills the blank with "**Strength"** which seems perfect for "young generation to take agriculture with a renewed **strength".**

12. A

Meaning: Palpable – capable of being handled, jeopardize – put something is a situation of danger, Proposition – a
statement of judgment or opinion.
The noun – resentment can't be preceded with "**Jeopardize and Proposition"** as all these words are nouns.
Resentment means feeling of anger over something. Feeling of anger can't be **"defective or convenient".**
"Palpable" which means capable of being handled is a suitable adjective before resentment.

13. D

Meaning: Cordoned – to prevent access to something.
The sentence is written in passive voice of simple past. This makes the verb after the helping verb to be written in
its 3rd form. Options B, C and E have Verbs in its basic form (1st form). From the remaining options, **Gathered** is not
followed by "Off". With this, the only suitable option is **Cordoned** which means "to forbid access".

14. C

Meaning: Bargained – to negotiate for something, Inundated – covered with water, Groove – a channel or narrow
cut making a channel, Clustered – collected
The second clause of the sentence describes the sentence to be of simple past tense. With this, two options
"**restricts and groove"** where verb is in its basic form, get cancelled. The verb showing action for flood water can't
be **bargained.** The sentence shows the movement of flood water in rivers. Thus, only "**Inundated"** can be the answer as it defines agricultural fields filled with water.

15. E

Meaning: Legitimate – to declare something legal or proper, Offending – breaking a law or rule, benchmark – a
standard or point to which comparison is made, Culpable – unethical, blamable

"Homicide", the word after blank is a noun, which means assassination or killing of someone. Positive words "**Legitimate, Exercise and Benchmarked"** can't be written before it as it would become superfluous. Homicide is already an offending word, so using **offending** before it, is also not required. Hence, **Culpable** fits perfectly.

16. E

Meaning: Scavenged – Search or collect something from waste, Admonish – to scold or warn someone strongly, Capitalise – supply with capital, shore up – to support something to not fall, Salvage – to save or rescue something from damage

With the word "To" before the blank, we find that the word in blank has to be a verb in its basic form (1st form of Verb), being the verb to be infinitive. With this two options "**Scavenged, Capitalised"**get cancelled. From the remaining words, only **"Salvage"** defines an action that relates to sense of the sentence as an effort for the boat.

17. C

Meaning: Dismay – to cause distress to someone with something unexpected, Disparaged – to express negative opinion of someone, Raunchy – Dirty

The sentence gives a negative idea for something coming in the new budget which would do little for them to come out of loan burden. With "of farmers" after the blank we find that the blank can be filled by a noun only. Only three words in options show nouns, out of which **Satisfaction** is a positive word, being illogical in this sentence. **Raunchy** is an adjective.

18. A

Meaning: Foiled – make something unsuccessful.

With the sentence seeming to have attained something successfully, words in basic form of Verb (**Complete, Accomplish**) don't pair. Also, "a party's bid" can't be **widened** and **failed.** The correct answer is "**Foiled**".

19. B

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Meaning: Consolidated – to make someone or something stronger by combination of a number of things, Embroiled – getting involved in a conflict or difficult situation, Revived – to regain life or strength, Disinvesting – withdraw or reduce investment, Engrossed – to be in a state of extremely attentive to something

The sentence briefs about the falling of Infosys in a controversy. The words **"Consolidated, Revived and Engrossed"** are words which show a positive idea. These can't be filled in the blank. From the remaining two options, **Disinvesting** also gets eliminated as "Infosys is **disinvesting** in another controversy" doesn't make a meaningful sentence.

20. A

Meaning: Stubble – Small pieces of stem or leaves that have been separated from the seeds, Agony – Pain, August – profoundly honoured, Conceit – excessive pride

The blank requires an adjective to be filled for "burning activity". "**August and Conceit"** meaning "honoured and pride, respectively" can't be filled in the blank as no burning activity can be a positive adjective like these. "**Stubble"** illustrates the burning activity to be of "small pieces of stem or leaves" which fits perfectly to make a meaningful sentence.

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1.) A direct consumer disputes redressalforum has directed an insurance company to compensate a policy holder by paying Rs. 2.68 lakh for __________a mediclaim policy on unjust grounds.

a. Ignoring
b. Acclaimed
c. Repudiating
d. Concurring
e. Impending

2.) A __________was organized by Hill woods Academy for teachers and students of Delhi and NCR.

a. Strand
b. Confluence
c. Manifesto
d. Tenet
e. Moorings

3.) The work, to be made on nine stretches across the city, is meant to ease congestion, improve the city's urban __________, and allow more people to travel safely.

a. Glorify
b. Blinker
c. Synergy
d. Aesthetics
e. Spotlight

4.) The movie is a story of a family that never gives up despite all the odds and a couple that __________ decades and continents for their daughter.

a. Traverses
b. Critique
c. Wanes
d. Forecasts
e. Valorize

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5.) After Rick was fired from the restaurant, he wrote a __________ review of the eatery.

a. Narrow

b. Sardonic

c. Scripture

d. Ideologue

e. Fugitive

6.) Lenders had appointed various firms to conduct due __________across various streams including accounts, wholesale book valuation, title search of loans as a part of the resolution plan.

a. Coherent

b. Abscond

c. Diligence

d. Malevolence

e. Demeanor

7.) The banks appointed a __________committee of seven banks to take the final resolution plan to all lenders for consent and execution.

a. Impounding

b. Crawled

c. Steering

d. Deflecting

e. Organising

8.) The motor company has been the leader in hybrid and plug-in hybrid power trains but has __________rivals in developing electrical vehicles.

a. Leveraging

b. Lagged

c. Lagging

d. Averted

e. Advent

9.) The flyover in central Delhi happily offers broad __________ for pedestrians.

a. Pavements

b. Movements

c. Remembrance

d. Modules
e. Prudential

10.) After the bridge was opened for traffic last year, work related to the installation of a viewing gallery at the top of the __________is ongoing.

a. Manuscript
b. Lacuna
c. Interlude
d. Pylon
e. Loath

11.) Toyota has been __________with governments for more incentives for hybrid vehicles.

a. Advertising
b. Startling
c. Lobbying
d. Peril
e. Examining

12.) The bridge shows some of the most __________twilight views in the city.

a. Abnormal
b. Adorable
c. Bewitching
d. Entertaining
e. Ugliest

13.) People speeding along the flyway in their cars are more than __________to the grand show unfolding in the skies above.

a. Aware
b. Astonished
c. Perennial
d. Oblivious
e. Menacing

14.) The __________ of his car horn drew the attention of everyone present in the park.

a. Blare
b. Baleful
c. Retribution

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d. Meddling
e. Condition

15.) The testy exchange doesn't appear to have thrown a __________ on preparations for the informal summit that will see Xi Zinping and PM Modi having one-on-one exchanges.

a. Escalate
b. Multiplier
c. Dampener
d. Abandoned
e. Facilitator

16.) The minister was forced to cancel his trip to Copenhagen after his request for permission to travel did not __________ a response from the centre.

a. Kindled
b. Discovered
c. Elicit
d. Educed
e. Provoke

17.) The __________of the improvement in compliance was to suggest measures to expand tax base and anti-evasion measures.

a. Extradition
b. Mandate
c. Problem
d. Probe
e. Declaration

18.) Jasmine has mastered in political __________ at work without letting anyone get even a hint of it.

a. Mechanisms
b. Maniac
c. Galore
d. Jiggery Pokery
e. Profusion

19.) Harrison and Clint were among those who __________ interest in the project but eventually backed out.

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a. Evinced
b. Perpetuated
c. Finalized
d. Initially
e. Cajole

20.) In almost every movie, digital de-ageing of actors is the __________ new trend in Hollywood.

a. Obfuscation
b. Gimmicky
c. Embankment
d. Aristocrat
e. Bureaucrat

Solutions

1. C

Meaning: Repudiating – to reject or refuse to accept, Concurring – Being of the same opinion, Impending – something about to happen

Word like "**Ignoring**" can't be used for the phrase "a mediclaim policy". The simple reason is that mediclaim policies

can be rejected or accepted only. It ain't a thing to be ignored. "**Impending**" is a word that is used to refer to an action which is expected to happen. A mediclaim policy is not an action that would happen. Also, "**For**" is always followed by a Verb in its "Verb + ing" form. With this, we eliminate "**Acclaimed**" also. **"Concurring"** with its meaning for something to be of the same opinion, doesn't fit here. **"Repudiating"** meaning "to reject" suits the segment.

2. B

Meaning: Strand – to leave, Confluence – a coming together of people, Manifesto – a public declaration of aims and

policy, Tenet – a principle or belief, Moorings – a place to tie a boat

"**Moorings, Tenet and Manifesto"** are nouns which can't be organized. **"Strand"** is a Verb, and in the blank, we

need to name a noun which refers to an event which can be organized. With this, we are left with only one option

"Confluence" which means a meeting or get together of people.

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3. D

Meaning: Glorify – Praise someone, Blinker – a light that flashes on and off, Synergy – the working together of two things to make a greater result, Aesthetics – the art of beauty, spotlight – a focus of public attention

The sentence highlights about the changes that are to be made in a city to make it better. With an apostrophe s ('s) before the blank and **"Urban"** working here for an adjective, need us to put a noun in the blank. "**Glorify"** is a Verb. "**Aesthetics"** which means "**beauty"** fits perfect in the sentence and the message it conveys.

4. A

Meaning: Traverses - to travel across or through, Critique – a detailed analysis of something, Wanes – becomes weaker, Valorize – to give value to something

"**Critique and Wanes"** can't be filled in the blank because the sentence tells about praise by someone for a movie and these words give a negative sense. Also, "a couple that **forecasts/valorize (giving value to)** decades and continents" makes no sense. "**Traverses"** which means 'to travel through', suits to the phrase.

5. B

Meaning: Sardonic - Humorous or disrespectful, Scripture – the sacred writings of a religion, Ideologue – an advocate of an ideology, Fugitive – someone who flees from law

Being fired from the restaurant, the action made by a person can be of two types, either apologetic or audacious.

With no word in the options conveying the meaning similar to "apology", we assume, the action definitely shows audacity. Also, being an adjective to be placed before review, we need an adjective to be filled in blank. Thus, **"Scripture and Ideologue"** don't fit here. "Narrow" can't be an adjective to a review and "Fugitive" is a noun that refers to an identity of a person. Therefore, "**Sardonic"** which means "disrespectful" can be used as adjective to review.

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6. C

Meaning: Coherent – forming a unified whole, abscond – to escape from custody or to avoid arrest, diligence – hard work, Malevolence – wishing evil to others, Demeanor – behavior

With **"Diligence"** meaning "hard work", we can use it to mean "to conduct action or hard work across various streams", we find "**Diligence"** to be the best fit.

7. C

Meaning: Impounding – placing private property in custody, crawl – to move slowly, Steering – to guide or control a movement, Deflecting - cause something to change direction

With an article "a" just before the blank, two of options "**Impounding, Organising"** starting with a vowel letter got cancelled. Also, **Crawled** is a negative word to be an adjective for a committee. A committee has been appointed to make final resolution plan and not to change any direction. This cancels out "**Deflecting"** also.

8. B

Meaning: Leveraging – use something to maximum advantage, Lagged – to fall/remain behind, Averted – prevented, Advent – the arrival of a person or thing

The sentence being in perfect tense, "has" which is just before the blank, requires a verb in its 3rd form. With this, putting "**Leveraging, Lagging and Advent"** in the sentence will make it grammatically incorrect. The sentence has **"but"** conjunction in the sentence which makes the clauses of the sentence in contrast. With the first clause showing positive sense about the company to be leader, the second clause would definitely require a verb that shows contrast to being leader. For this, we find that "**Lagged"** which means remaining behind fits to fill the blank.

9. A

Meaning: Pavements – floors/space, Modules – sets of standardized parts, Prudential – showing care and forethought in business

The sentence briefs about a facility provided by the flyovers for pedestrians. For pedestrians who walk, only a space for walking can be a facility. **"Pavement"** in the option means the same i.e. space for pedestrians.

10. D

Meaning: Manuscript – a book written by hand, Lacuna – an unfilled space, Interlude – an interval, Pylon – a tall
tower like structure, Loath – reluctant

"A viewing gallery at the top of" indicates the blank to have a name of a big building. Only "**Pylon"** which means a tall tower like structure, fits in the sentence.

11. C

Meaning: Startling – surprising, Lobbying – seek to influence or manipulate for business, Peril – Possibility of danger or loss

The sentence indicates an intention of Toyota with governments or involvements in something with governments.

"**Advertising, Startling and Examining"** are words out of text to be put in the sentence. **Lobbying** which means "to seek/try to fix a deal for business" fits in the sentence.

12. C

Meaning: Bewitching – Capturing interest

"Twilight" which is an adjective to "views" means the time immediately before sunset. The blank preceded by the word "most" requires an adjective which would describe the twilight. "**Bewitching"** which means something that captures interest, fits best in the blank.

13. D

Meaning: Astonished – Surprised, Perennial – something lasting an indefinite long time, Oblivious – not aware or concerned for something, Menacing – suggesting the presence of danger

Oblivious means to remain unaware of something. The sentence tells about people who drive the cars on the flyovers, remain unaware of seeing the grand show in the skies above.

14. A

Meaning: Blare – make a loud sound, Baleful – threatening, Retribution – Punishment to someone as vengeance for

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a wrong act, Meddling – to try changing things

Blare that means a loud sound fits best in the sentence as the further part of the sentence tells about drawing the attention of everyone in the park. This leads us to the word "**Blare"** which means a loud sound.

15. C

Meaning: Escalate – Increase rapidly, Dampener – an object that reduces something, Abandoned – things that have been left

"The testy exchange" refers to a conflict and does not after it is used to show that the conflict has not thrown a negative impact on the preparation for the summit. With this, we found that the blank requires a negative word that has not been thrown by testy exchange. Only two words are negative in the sentence i.e. **Dampener and Abandoned.** With an article just before the blank, we find that the blank requires a noun. **"Abandoned"** doesn't fit for the blank as it is a verb and also, it starts with a vowel letter, and a vowel letter word isn't written after article "a".

16. C

Meaning: Kindled – to set something on fire, Elicit – to deduce or draw out of something/someone, Educed – developed, Provoke – to motivate

The blank has a word "did" before it, which requires a verb in its basic form (1st form) only after it. But, we have three words in options which are in past forms – **Kindled, Discovered and Educed.** All these can't be filled in the blank. Also, a response isn't something that can be **provoked**. This leaves us with only one option, i.e. **Elicit**, to be placed in the blank.

17. B

Meaning: Extradition – to hand over to authorities of another department or country, Mandate – an official instruction, Probe – an inquiry into something

The sentence requires a word that means similar to "reason or purpose". Only **"Mandate"** gives us the same meaning showing "the **purpose** of the improvement in compliance was to".

18. D

Meaning: Maniac – an insane person, galore – in great numbers, Jiggery-pokery – dishonest behavior, Profusion – an abundant quantity

The sentence briefs about something that Jasmine has mastered for. **Mechanisms** could be written here, but with political as its unrequired adjective before it, it doesn't suit here. **Galore and Profusion** being adjectives can't be put here. **Jiggery Pokery** which means work of dishonesty fits best.

19. A

Meaning: Evinced – Indicate an interest or feeling, Perpetuated – make something continue indefinitely, Cajole – to influence someone by flattering "But" used for conjunction here, it directly shows that the clauses of the sentence show contrast (positive-negative or negative-positive). With "Backing out" in the second clause which is negative, we find that the verb in first clause must be positive. **Evinced** which means opposite to "backed out" fits here.

20. B

Meaning: Obfuscation – the act of making something unclear, Gimmicky – trick to attract attention with unreal
things, Embankment – to build something strong,
Aristocrat – people who hold high social rank, Bureaucrat – Official in a government department
De-ageing in the sentence refers to a **gimmicky, i.e.** a trick made by digital methods to attract attention for unreal
things, say, change in texture of actors, their physiques etc. Hence, **Gimmicky** fits best in the sentence.

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1.) The sibling bond between the two brothers of the Sharma family is __________ to watch.

a. Embankment

b. Affection

c. Endearing

d. Vital

e. Orthodox

2.) Vikas pleaded "not guilty" in a defamation case against him in a court over __________ remark about the minister.

a. Pandemic

b. Pleasant

c. Endemic

d. Purported

e. Porous

3.) The family __________ its political connections to engage in widespread corruption and bribery, capture government contracts and misappropriate state assets.

a. Leniently

b. Internment

c. Rubbished

d. Rolled out

e. Leveraged

4.) The mother of the girl collapsed after witnessing the __________crime and was admitted to a hospital.

a. Unwanted

b. Bearable

c. Grisly

d. Garrulous

e. Faithful

5.) The government initiative to make infrastructure __________to disasters and climate change is a step in the right direction.

a. Stringent
b. Evacuation
c. Erroneous
d. Resilient
e. Conscience

6.) Having __________ together the money to pay off the agent, the couple was shocked when a government labour inspector then demanded an additional Rs. 5000 bribe.

a. Withdrawn
b. Scrounged
c. Articulated
d. Bound to
e. Scuttled

7.) The Diesel Multiple Unit train __________through a crowd which had gathered onto the railway tracks to watch a Ravan effigy burn.

a. Thwarted
b. Envisaged
c. Fostered
d. Hurtled
e. Marginalised

8.) The BJP has __________cited military operations to score points in domestic politics always.

a. Relinquished
b. Revamped
c. Bravely
d. Forcefully
e. Brazenly

9.) It is __________to suggest that in 2050, a century after the end of colonial rule, Asia will account for more than half of world income and will be home to more than half the people on earth.

a. Plausible
b. Vicious
c. Metaphor
d. Impetus

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e. Visceral

10.) As euphoria over the ___________ step is evaporating, it is time to closely look at the current sluggishness in the economy.

a. Thwarting
b. Fallout
c. Unprecedented
d. Sheer
e. Continuum

11. Manufacturing growth across Asia, Europe and the America eased in current month as heavy price cutting failed to revive ____, providing more evidence that a feeble global economic recovery may be ____ to a halt.

(a) supply, grind
(b) demand, grinding
(c) supply, grounding
(d) demanding, grind
(e) demanded, going

12. Crude oil markets rose after ____ a five year low rebounding after data suggested that tumbling prices may have started to affect ____ activity in the fast growing US shale oil industry.

(a) hit, drill (b) hitting, drilled
(c) hitting, drilling (d) going, drilled
(e) touching, exhuming

13. In fact, there is a strong case to promote liquor ____ in high quality factories under regulation so that the ____ of illicit liquor and hooch goes down.

(a) produced, consumption
(b) manufacturing, supply
(c) production, consuming
(d) generation, supply
(e) generated, demand

14. The government ease foreign direct ____ norms for the construction development sector which is expected to provide a ____ boost to the sector in terms of greater foreign capital inflows.

(a) investment, substance

(b) invention, substantial
(c) investment, substantial
(d) divestment, meagre
(e) investment, superficial

15. The banks were nationalised in ___ to take banking to the __ country and all its citizens.

(a) aim, whole
(b) order, backward
(c) orderly, entirely
(d) order, entire
(e) view, wholly

16. Cassava grows ___ in South India, but has one problem: it contains a toxin that must be ___ by long soaking in water.

(a) hardly, remove
(b) easy, remove
(c) easily, removed
(d) hard, removed
(e) Easily, removal

17. A human journey is ___ when there is someone at the door to ___ them when they get at home.

(a) incomplete, greet
(b) complete, ignore
(c) incompetent, ignore
(d) complete, greet
(e) complete, great

18. An adult reader is ___ for his tutor to come along and show him how to ___ a book.

(a) waiting, handle
(b) wait, handle
(c) wait, handling
(d) waiting, open
(e) waited, open

19. Operations in steel plant which ___ a major accident is gradually ___ back to normalcy.

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(a) suffer, limp
(b) occur, limp
(c) sufer , coming
(d) suffered, limping
(e) suffered, limped

20. The new government is ___ a comprehensive revamp of the health insurance scheme for the poor in a move that will ___ further many people.

(a) propose, loss
(b) proposing, harm
(c) proposing, benefit
(d) proposed, benefit
(e) proposed, harm

Solutions

1. C

Meaning: Embankment – to make something strong, endearing – Lovable, Vital- Important, Orthodox – following traditional

The blank seems to be an adjective to the sibling bond. **Endearing** which means lovable fits in the sentence to convey "The sibling bond between two brothers of the Sharma family is **lovable** to watch."

2. D

Meaning: Pandemic – Disease prevalent over a big place, Endemic – Native, Purported – A state or appearance to be true, Porous – allowing passage in and out

"Pandemic, Endemic" are nouns. The blank before "remark" requires an adjective. A remark can't be **pleasant** and **porous.**

3. E

Meaning: Leniently – Not severe or strong, Internment – confinement during wartime, Rubbished – criticize someone severely, Rolled out – to welcome, Leveraged – to use something to maximum advantage

The sentence conveys use of the political connections to grow or make advantages in bribery, corruption etc.

Leveraged in the options denotes the same "to use something for making advantage".

4. C

Meaning: Grisly – Causing horror or disgust, Garrulous - Excessive talking on unimportant matters

The blank requires a word that describes a crime and such a word can't be positive. **Bearable, Faithful** are illogical here. **Crime** is something a person does purposely. Hence, it cannot fit in the blank. **Garrulous** is an adjective of a person, not of a crime.

5. D

Meaning: Stringent – Strict, Evacuation - Escaping from some trouble, Erroneous – Wrong, Resilient – Able to recover from hard conditions, Conscience – a person's moral sense

Infrastructure can't be **stringent, erroneous. Evacuation and Conscience** are nouns which can't be used to describe infrastructure. **Resilient** fits best.

6. B

Meaning: Scrounged – Obtained through the generosity of others, articulated – Speaking fluently, bound to –

Restricted to, Scuttled – Run hurriedly with short steps

"Scrounged" means to obtain something through cheating others. The sentence describes about how an inspector demanded money for bribery although they had to pay money to the agent, who cheated on them. No other word in the sentence means similar to cheating other than **Scrounged.**

7. D

Meaning: Thwarted – Prevent someone from completing successfully, Envisaged – thinking of a possibility, Fostered

– Encourage, Hurtled – Move in an uncontrolled manner, Marginalized – something treated as insignificant

The blank describes about the movement of a train through a crowd on the railway tracks. The only option that may display an uncontrolled movement of train is **hurtled.**

8. E

Meaning: Relinquished – to leave, Revamped – restructure, brazenly – in bold and shameless way. The sentence uses the blank to make a negative point for BJP which uses military operations to score points in politics. **Brazenly** defines about this message of the sentence completely.

9. A

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Meaning: Plausible – Seeming possible, Vicious – able to dispose of pain,
Metaphor – to regard something of something else,
Impetus – something that happens quickly, Visceral – obtained through intuition
The writer is making an assumption for something to happen in 2050.
Plausible means same i.e. to see a possibility and fits to be placed in the blank.

10. C

Meaning: Thwarting – Hindering something, Fallout – Adverse result of a situation, Unprecedented – something never seen/done before, Sheer – complete, Continuum – a continuous succession
The sentence describes that the magic of an **incredible or unbelievable** step is fading and it is time to look towards the real scenery of sluggishness in the economy. The word which can be used to show the step as unbelievable is **unprecedented.**

11. (b); demand, grinding

12. (c); hitting, drilling

13. (c); production, consuming

14. (c); investment, substantial

15. (d); order, entire

16. (c); easily, removed

17. (d); complete, greet

18. (a); waiting, handle

19. (d); suffered, limping

20. (c); proposing, benefit

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1. A new study has ___ the five most common health issues in men and how to ___ them.

(a) said, arrest
(b) stated, shrink
(c) revealed, prevent
(d) exposed, react
(e) laid restrict

2. ___ to the challenge of fighting drug addiction, children have ___ up the task of spreading awareness against drugs,

(a) Taking, set
(b) Respond, taken
(c) Responding, taken
(d) Resolving, set
(e) Contrary, set

3. The night fabric can do ___ for your frame and as a your confidence.

(a) wonders, consequence
(b) marvels, side
(c) good, process
(d) remarkably, finish
(e) superb, result

4. The wheat grains do not meet the ___ standards ___ for procurement of food grains by the government agencies.

(a) total, kept
(b) most, meant
(c) excellence, allowed
(d) optimistic, placed
(e) quality, prescribed

5. Students will be ___ on their reading and writing abilities through question papers ___ by the government.

(a) judged, assorted
(b) kept, set

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(c) tested, provided
(d) evaluated, asked
(e) calculated, assigned

6. Although we ___ stiff competition from countries such as the Philippines, our BPO industry is still huge and hundreds of Indians.

(a) face, employs
(b) experience, maintain
(c) prove, engages
(d) witness, services
(e) note, helps

7. A language is considered nearly __ when only a few native speakers __ it and it is no longer being taught to children.

(a) exhausted, say
(b) abolished, speak
(c) extinct, use
(d) pass, teat
(e) past, need

8. We ___ do not pay attention to the 30 minute gaps sand-wiched ___ two meetings.

(a) seldom, in
(b) regularly, middle
(c) frequently, within
(d) often, between
(e) atleast, among

9. ___ other cities where lack of education or civic sense might be one of the reasons that may have contribute to issues related to solid waste management, most residents here are ___ of the pros and cons.

(a) Unlike, aware
(b) Inconsistent, conscious
(c) Similarly, known
(d) Contrary, careful
(e) Likewise, sensible

10. The fact that Saudi Arabia ___ nearly 10 million barrels of crude oil per day is not the ___ reason it has been called "the Central Bank of Oil".

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(a) removes, alone
(b) harvests, just
(c) saves, solely
(d) yield, single
(e) produces, only

11. Rolling the neck is a very simple and effective exercise when it ___ to ___ off the double chin.

(a) comes, fighting
(b) relates, shedding
(c) regards, sloughing
(d) associates, removing
(e) pertains, edging

12. The traffic police said that it was not possible to ___ personnel permanently at the spot to prevent the situation because of ___ man power.

(a) send, issue
(b) arrange, lack
(c) let, less
(d)deploy, insufficient
(e) dispatch, constricted

13. Your children take ___ of most of your actions and traits, both good and bad, which is why it is ___ that you leave them more good examples that bad.

(a) light, crucial
(b) cognizance, urgent
(c) copy, important
(d) note, essential
(e) pretence, vital

14. The region has already ___ few very long dry spells this season, ___ concern about the survival of the kharif crop.

(a) subjected, posing
(b)witnessed, sparking
(c) seen, sensing
(d) dealt, generating

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(e) suffered, bordering

15. The forum ___ desired efforts be __ at the earliest on a sustained basis to create an authentic database.

(a) demanded, initiated
(b) suggested, dealt
(c) ask, commenced
(d) proclaimed, earned
(e) questioned, made

16. The proposal has been ___ and will be sent to the cabinet for final ___.

(a) designed, process
(b) drafted, approval
(c) amend, sanction
(d) said, objection
(e) mentioned, figure

17. The fake diesel factory was being ___ under the __ of a dairy.

(a) operated, operation
(b) captured, array
(c) functioned, alias
(d) run, garb
(e) activated, control

18. The moment the staff opened the office, unidentified ___, ___ weapons entered and asked the cashier to hand over the keys to the vault.

(a) miscreants,brandishing
(b) object, carrying
(c) persons, had
(d) people, associating
(e) man, lifting

19. The singer, who has been very ___ about his faith in the party, also __ at the grand event.

(a) vocal, performed
(b) strong, sang
(c) open, dance
(d) loud, came
(e) creative, present

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20. Over the years, the town has ___ popularity as the best ___ for paragliding and pilots from across the world visit it.

(a) acquired, spots

(b) claim one

(c) gained, destination

(d) sought, wonder

(e) sent, place

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1. (c); revealed, prevent revealed and **exposed** are synonymous

arrest, prevent and **restrict** are synonymous.

2. (c); Responding, taken

3. (a); wonders, consequence

Wonder and **marvels** are synonymous.

consequence and **result** are synonymous.

4. (e); quality, prescribed

5. (c); tested provided

Judged, tested and **evaluated** are synonymous.

6. (a); face, employs

Fce, experience and **witness** are synonymous.

Employs, helps and **engages** are synonymous.

7. (c); extinct, use Extinct (Noun): no longer in existence

8. (d); often, between For two objects, **between** is used.

Often : frequently; many times

9. (a); unlike, aware

Aware: knowing or realising something.

Unlike and **contrary** are synonymous.

Aware and **conscious** are synonymous.

10. (e); produces, only

Alone, solely, single and **only** synonymous

11. (e); Pertain (V.): to be connected with something

Edge off (Id.): to make something less strong; less bad.

Sloughing (v.): to lose a layer of dead skin, etc.

12. (d); deploy, insufficient

Deploy (Verb): to move soldiers into a position, to use something effectively.

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Dispatch (V.): to send some-body/something somewhere, especially for a special purpose

Constricted (Adj): limited/restricted Send, dispatch are **Synonyms.**

13. (d); note, essential

Take note of (Id.): to pay attention to something and be sure to remember it

Cognizance (N.) : knowledge/understanding of something

Pretence (N.) : the act of behaving in a particular way, in order to make other people believe something that is not true crucial, urgent, important, essential, vital are **Synonyms.**

14. (b); witnessed, sparking

Spark concern: to start or develop concern,

Subjected (v.): to bring a country/group of people under you control especially by using force

Posing (V.): to create a threat, problem, etc., that has to be dealt with

Bordering (V.): to form a line along/around the edge of something

Posing, sparking, generating are **Synonyms.**

15. (b); demanded, initiated

Initiate (V.): to start demanded, ask, questioned are **Synonyms**

commenced, initiated are **Synonyms.**

16. (b); drafted, approved

Draft (V.): to write the first rough version of something such as a letter, speech or book.

Approval (N.): a positive opinion of somebody/something; the feeling that something is good or acceptable.

Designed, drafted are **Synonyms.**

Approval, sanction are **Synonyms.**

17. (d); Garb (N.) : cover, appearance,

Array (N.): a group/ collection of things/people, often that is large impressive

Alias (N.) : a false/different name, especially one that is used by a criminal.

Operated, functioned, run are **Synonyms.**

18. (a); miscreants, brandishing

Brandish (V.) : to hold or wave something especially a weapon in an aggressive or excited way.

Miscreants (N.) : people who have done something wrong or illegal.

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19. (a); vocal, performed

Vocal (Adj): telling people your opinions or protesting about something loudly and with confidence.

Vocal ,Loud and synonyins .

20. (c); gained, destination

Destination (N.) : a place to which someday/something is going or being sent.
acquired, gained are **Synonyms.** Spots destination are **Synonyms.**

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1.As many as five DJ"s ___ up at the party, making it a night to ___.

(a) came, recollect
(b) drove, memorise
(c) turned, remember
(d) jammed, forget
(e) started, stop

2. Over the next two years, the company will ___ about USD 100 million in ___ up technology and brand building.

(a) indulge, gearing
(b) pump, boosting
(c) supply, hiring
(d) invest, ramping
(e) spend, upgrading

3. The government has invested __ to __ public transport.

(a) heavily, improved
(b) heavy, improve
(c) heavily, improve
(d) lightly, improving
(e) with, aggravate

4. This multi-purpose project has demanded ___ investment ___ time and effort.

(a) considerable, of
(b) considerable, with
(c) considering, for (d) reflective, for
(e) considered, of

5. We need to work ___ to remain ___ with other companies.

(a) hardly, competitive
(b)harder, competitive
(c) harder, competition
(d) hard, calm
(e) heavily, strict

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6. ___ he had mixed success in the past with his new technique; this time around the player had enough ___ up his sleeve to win this match.

(a) Since, talent
(b) Despite, drama
(c) Although, tricks
(d) Because, energy
(e) Hence, magic

7. The name of the roles offered to me ___ the strong, funny and dynamic India woman that I had grown up ___.

(a) stated, today
(b) said, surrounded
(c) reflected, around
(d) depicted, to
(e) assessed, within

8. The ___ to the free sim-card scheme offered by the telecom company has been ___ and most people expressed complete ignorance about the scheme.

(a) reaction, stupendous
(b) access, cordial
(c) contract, simple
(d) takers, high
(e) response, abysmal

9. In our close relations it is easy to come ___ clever men and women, but ___ to find virtuous ones.

(a) find, simpler
(b) up, arduous
(c) see, terrible
(d) across, difficult
(e) close, impossible

10. Due to the ___ number of swine-flu cases in the district, the health department has decided to spread ___ about the disease.

(a) raising, alertness
(b)populated, knowledge
(c) prolonged, understanding
(d) increasing, awareness

(e) high, ability

11. A clash between ___ of two rival gangs in high security prison ___ several inmates injured.

(a) member, left
(b) members, left
(c) leaders, leave
(d) groups, put
(e) volunteers, have

12. Banks caused a bubble failed to do due __ and __ more than what was warranted to developers.

(a) diligence, lent
(b) diligent, lend
(c) diligently, borrowed
(d) carelessly, lent
(e) carelessness, lending

13. Acting __ on vehicles polluting city, government ordered all commercial vehicles entering city to __ environmental compensation charge.

(a) toughness, pay
(b) toughly, paying
(c) leniently, pay
(d) tough, pay
(e) roughly, paid

14. The project has ___ under fire for __ a vital elephant corridor in Kaziranga.

(a) gone, destroy
(b) come, destructed
(c) went, destroying
(d)reached, destruction
(e) come, destroying

15. Health minister has given all city government hospitals a two day __ to get prepared for H1N1 __.

(a) deadline, outbreak
(b) hardline, out breaking

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(c) headline,outbreak
(d) period, spread
(e) hotline, spreading

16. The actress is ___ that she will be spending her birthday with her husband and other ___ of the family.

(a) ecstatic, elements
(b) abject, sources
(c) confused, people
(d) mundane, partners
(e) thrilled, members

17. Steep hills and low rise traditional buildings that once __ the mosque have in recent years given ___ to shopping malls and luxury hotels.

(a) befell, up
(b) encased, space
(c) beautified, forward
(d) hid, liberty
(e) surrounded, way

18. Scientific research has now ____ that a fish-rich diet can help ___ depression.

(a) established, react
(b) confirmed, curb
(c) released, combat
(d) revealed, accustom
(e) deepened, limit

19. The actress who put on a lot of weight to effectively ___ the character she played in her film, looks like a ___ heroine now.

(a) depict, conventional
(b) pass, regular
(c) portray, more
(d) represent, absolute

20. Even as he ___ himself for his film debut, the comedian is ___ getting a taste of how some friendships in show biz come with a price tag.

(a) prepares, favourably
(b) readies, allegedly

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(c) locates, reportedly
(d) shows, apparently
(e) apportions, supposedly

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1. (c)turned, remember

Recollect (V.) = to remember something.

Recollect, remember are **Synonyms.**

2. (d); invest, ramping

Upgrade (V.) : to make something more powerful and efficient.

Indulge (V.) : to allow yourself to have/do something that you like

Gearing (V.): to prepare yourself/somebody/something to do something

Ramping (V.) ; to make something increase in amount

Pump, supply, invest, spend are

Synonyms(V) : Gearing boosting are synonyms ramping ,upgrading are synonyms .

3. (c); heavily, improve

To modify a **Verb** an **Adverb** should be used. **Infinitive => to + V1**

4. (a); Considerable, of

To qualify a **Noun**, an **Adjective** should be used.

5. (b); harder, competitive

Here, **Comparative Degree** i.e., **harder** should be used.

6. (c); Although, tricks

tricks up your sleeve (Id.) : to have an idea, some plans etc, that you keep ready to use.

Since, Because are **Synonyms.**

Despite, Although are **Synonyms.**

7. (d); depicted, to

Reflect (V.) : to show or be a sign of the attitude or nature of something.

Depicted (V.) : to show an image of somebody/something stated, said, reflected, depicted are **Synonyms.**

8. (e); response, abysmal

Response : a reaction to something that has happened.

Abysmal : extremely bad or of a very low standard; terrible. Reaction, response are **Synonyms.**

9. (d); **across, difficult**

Come across (Phre. V.) to meet/find somebody by chance.

Arduous (Adj.) : difficult, hard to endure

Arduous, difficult are **Synonyms.**

10. (d); **increasing, awareness**

Awareness (N.) knowing something.

Awareness, understanding are **Synonyms.**

11. (b); **members, left**

12. (a); **Diligence, lent**

Diligence (N.): careful and through work/effort

Diligent (Adj.): showing care and effort in your work/duties

Diligently (Adv.): in a way that shows care and effort in your work/duties

diligence, carelessness are **Antonyms.**

Deligently ,Carelessly , are synonyms . lent, borrowed are **Antonyms.**

13. (d); **tough, pay**

14. (e); **come, destroying**

15. (a); **deadline, outbreak**

Deadline (N.) : a point in time by which something must be done

Outbreak (N.) the sudden start of something

unpleasant, especially violence/a disease

Deadline (N.) : a point in time by which something must be done

Outbreak (N.) : the sudden start of something unpleasant, especially violence/ a disease

Hardline (Adj.): very fixed and unlikely to change

Hotline (N.) : a special telephone line that people can use in order to get information/to talk about something outbreak, spread are **Antonyms.**

outbreaking, spreading are **Antonyms.**

16. (e); **Thrilled, members**

Thrilled (Adj.): very excited and pleased.

Ecstatic (Adj.) : delighted

Abject (Adj.) : terrible and without hope

Mundane (Adj.) : not interesting / exciting; dull; ordinary

17. (e); **surrounded, way**

Surround (V.) : to be all around something

Befall (V.) : to happen to somebody (unpleasant)

Encased (V.) : to surround/cover something completely especially to protect it Encased, surrounded are **Synonyms**

Give way (Id.) : to be replaced by something

18. (b); confirmed, curb

Confirm (V.) : to state that something is definitely true or correct.

Curb (V.) : to control or limit something; check.

Established, confirmed are **Synonyms**

Curb, combat, limit are **Synonyms**

19. (a); depict, conventional

Depict (V.): to show an image of something; to describe.

depict, portray, represent are **Synonyms**

conventional, regular, usual are **Synonyms**

20. (a); prepares, favourably

Favourable (Adv.) : positively

Allegedly (Adv.): expressed ad though something is a fact but without giving any proof

Apportion (V.): to divide something among people

Allegedly, supposedly, apparently are **Synonyms**

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20 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 65

1. The natural oils ____ in roses help ___ the moisture in the skin.

(a) built, arrest
(b) found, retain
(c) witnessed, place
(d) full absorb
(e) abundant, salvages

2. Parents must never ___ their children to play with catapults or augurs, as these so called toys can also ___ harm to humans accidentally.

(a) let, affect
(b) sanction, prefer
(c) authorise, result
(d) permit, peace
(e) allow, cause

3. The city police has ___ a meeting of various mandals organising festivals, to ___ them of directives on the sound limit.

(a) called, update
(b) organised, convey
(c) summoned, acquaint
(d) called, apprise
(e) convene, aware

4. When the traffic unit ___ multiple complaints about illegal parking, the police ___ penalties on the defaulters.

(a) received, imposed
(b) got, gave
(c) endorsed, levied
(d) collected, posed
(e) issued created

5. ___ the cobra was safely released into the wild, the injured eagle had to be ___.

(a) While, hospitalised (b) Although, released
(c) Since, sent (d) Despite, caged

The R.H.A

(e) When, constricted

6. The incident has ___ severe damage to the ___ of the employees.

(a) resulted, optimism
(b) led, emotions
(c) produced, conduct
(d)contributed, integrity
(e) caused, morale

7. ___ investing in technology, the company has been ___ to compete globally.

(a) For, trying
(b) Despite, gradual
(c) While, clear
(d) Since, enable
(e) By, able

8. The root ___ of slow reduction in poverty is ___ of investment in agriculture.

(a) purpose, increase
(b) reason, hike
(c) cause, lack
(d) effect, incidence
(e) consequence, plunge

9. You have unfairly ___ his success to the fact that he is well ___.

(a) reduced , behaved
(b) doubted, adjusted
(c) excused, educated
(d) attributed, connected
(e) rated, known

10. To ___ the problems of the region it is ___ to interact with the local people.

(a) discover, necessity
(b)understand, essential
(c) research, advice
(d) manage, needful
(e) focus, better

The R.H.A

11. Their achievement in the field of literature is described as ___; sometimes it is even called ___.

(a) magnificent, irresponsible
(b) insignificant, influential
(c) significant, paltry
(d) unimportant, trivia
(e) significance, trivia

12. This simplified ___ to the decision-making process is a must read for anyone ___ important real estate, personal or professional decisions.

(a) primer, maximizing
(b) tract, enacting
(c) introduction, under
(d) guide, facing
(e) guide, enactment

13. Physicians may soon have __ to help paralysed people move their limbs by bypassing the ___ nerves that once controlled their muscles.

(a) instruments, detrimental
(b) ways, damaged
(c) reasons, involuntary
(d) impediments, complex
(e) instrumental, damaged

14. The argument that the need for a looser fiscal policy to ___ demand outweighs the need to ___ budget deficits is persuasive.

(a) assess, minimise
(b) outstrip, eliminate
(c) stimulate, control
(d) restrain, conceal
(e) facilitate, hide

15. The Internet is a medium where users have nearly ___ choices and ___ constraints about where to go and what to do

(a) unbalanced,non-existent
(b) embarrassing, no
(c) unlimited, minimal
(d) choking, shocking

The R.H.A

(e) limited, maximal

16. Weather officials have ___ below-normal rains this year. If the predictions come true, farm output could ___ as most of India‟s farmlands depend on rainwater for irrigation.

(a) forecasted – shrank
(b) forecast – shrank
(c) forecast – shrink
(d) predicted– expand
(e) predictions– wan

17. It is the role of the state to ___ crime and protect people and property. If the state is unable to prevent a crime it falls upon the state to ___ the victim.

(a) prevent – support
(b)preventing– encourage
(c) prevent – supporting
(d) forbid – discourage
(e) forbid – discouraging

18. A person who is clean and tidy in how he dresses up commands better ___ from those around him than those who have a and unkempt appearance.

(a) respectful – slovenly
(b) respect – slovenly
(c) respected – untidy
(d) respect – tidy
(e) respect – careful

19. Today we have achieved a milestone by completing 60 years of independence. It‟s now the time for everyone or every Indian to undergo ___ of the achievements we already made and also those that are to be still ___.

(a) self-introspection – achiever
(b) self-examination – achieve
(c) introspection – achieved
(d) search – found
(e) cross-inspection – made

The P.H.A

20. Education is an essential means of ___ women with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence necessary to fully ___ in the development process.

(a) empower – include
(b) empowering – participate
(c) empowered – participating
(d) empowerment – participate
(e) strengthening – participating

Solutions

1. (b); found, retain

Retain (V.): to continue to hold or contain something; preserve retain, absorb are **Synonyms**

2. (e); allow, cause

Cause (V.) : to make something happen.

Let, permit, allow are **Synonyms**

3. (a); called, update

Apprise (V.) : to tell or inform somebody of something.

Update (V.) : to give somebody the most recent information about something

Summoned (V.) : to order somebody to come.

Acquaint (V.) to make somebody/yourself familiar with/aware of something

Convene (V.) : to come together for a formal meeting convey, update, apprise, acquaint are **Synonyms**

Called, summoned, convene are Synonyms.

4. (a); received, imposed

Impose (V.) : to introduce a new tax etc: to order that a rule, punishment etc be used. Received, got, issued are **Synonyms.**

5. (a); while, hospitalised

While, although despite are **Synonyms**

Hospitalised, caged, constricted are **Synonyms**

released is their Antonym

6.(e); caused, morale

Cause (V.) : to make something happen.

Morale (N.) confidence and enthusiasm.

produced, caused are **Synonyms**

The R.H.A

7. (e); By, able Despite, while are **Synonyms**

8. (c); cause, lack

Lack (N.) : the state of not having something.

Cause, reason are **Synonyms**

9. (d); attributed, connected

Attribute (V.): to say or believe that something is the result of a particular thing

10. (b); understand, essential

Essential, needful are **Synonyms**

11. (d); unimportant, trivia

magnificent and significant are synonymous.

insignificant, unimportant, paltry and **trivia** are synonymous

12. (d); guide, facing

primer (Noun) : a book that contains basic instructions

tract (Noun): a short piece of writing especially on a religious, moral or political subject, that is intended to influence people's ideas.

13. (b); ways, damaged

Detrimental (Adjective) : harmful

Impediment (Noun); obstacles

14. (c); stimulate, control outstrip (Verb) : to become larger, more, important, etc.

Conceal (Verb) : to hide some-body/something

Conceal and **hide** are synonymous

Stimulate : to make something develop; to encourage.

15. (c); unlimited, minimal choking (Verb): to fall at something

16. (c); forecast, shrink wan (Adjective): looking pale and weak.

17. (a); prevent, support

18. (b); respect, slovenly

Slovenly (Adjective): careless, untidy/dirty in appearance/habits.

slovenly and **untidy** are synonymous **tidy** and **careful** are synonymous.

19. (c); introspection, achieved

Introspection (Noun) : the careful examination of your own thoughts, feelings and reasons for behaving in a particular way.

20. (b); empowering – participate

The R.H.A

20 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 66

1. As per the present rules the factory inspector can __ all factories located in an area to ___ a day other than Sunday as the weekly holiday.

(a) allow, declare
(b) allowed, declare
(c) prohibited, declare
(d) allowing, declare
(e) allow, declaring

2. With women participation ___ sharply in the labour force over the post decade, there is a need to improve ___ for them.

(a) increase, facilities
(b)increasing, facilities
(c) increased, facilitate
(d) decrease, facilities
(e) decreasing, encouraging

3.Sixty-six years after India attained independence, the government has finally ___ to change the measure to estimate the output of a steam engine horsepower that is being ___ since the British Raj.

(a) decide, use
(b) decided, using
(c) determined, outdated
(d) decided, used
(e) determined, using

4. The family members of the victim said that the victim was being ___ from ___ complaint.

(a) prohibited, making
(b)prohibiting, making
(c) taken, made
(d) prohibited, made
(e) allowed, made

5. The new management is pro-cleanliness and will ___ all the employees who spit or smoke in the office ___.

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(a) fined, premise
(b) fine, premise
(c) fine, premises
(d) talk, ground
(e) be talking, building

6. Liberalisation has removed all the legal ___ and ___ floodgates to multinational companies.

(a) hurdles __awarded
(b) barriers __opened
(c) obstacles __guarded
(d) manipulation __closed
(e) battles __threw

7. The ___ on some of the towns has created ___ among the residents of the other pail of the country.

(a) attack __ambition
(b) raid __awareness
(c) bombardment __panic
(d)spell __satisfaction
(e) shower__ dampness

8. ___ to the popular belief that every astrologer nurtures blind faith in fate, our astrologer believes in ___.

(a) Contrary __ action
(b)According __ thoughts
(c) Bowing __ present
(d) Proving __ forecasting
(e) Pointing __devotion

9. His ___ has fruit, yielded him the ___

(a) fate ___ undesirable
(b) efforts ___ unwanted
(c) action ____ viable
(d) perseverance ___ desired
(e) emphasis ___ expected

10. His ____ contribution to the tsunami relief fund was ___ by his staff members.

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(a) meagre ___ admired
(b) spontaneous _nullified
(c) negligible ___ sanctioned
(d) noteworthy ___ improved
(e) generous ___ appreciated

11. ____ dinosaurs are believed to be the ancestors of modern birds, the discovery of soft tissue in dinosaurs fossils containing proteins found only in birds is very ___

(a) Though-unfortunate
(b) Recently-common
(c) Since-exciting
(d) Perhaps-remarkable
(e) Moreover-welcome

12. The van Allon belts which are ___ between 13000 to 60000 km above the earth‟s surface were discovered in 1958 and contain electrons which play ___ with electronic systems on satellites.

(a) somewhere-damages (b) located-havoc
(c) position-mayhem (d) situated-part
(e) vicinity-approximate

13. Rice farmers use ___ methods of farming and old equipments making the cost of rice ___ twice as much as it is in other countries.

(a) obsolete-economical
(b) modern-expensive
(c) future-virtuality
(d) antiquated-almost
(e) sustainable-approximate

14. Some experts believe that the best ___ to reduce the number of accidents caused by drivers using their mobile phones to create an "app" ___ communications when the vehicle is in motion and unblocking them when the vehicle reaches its destination.

(a) tactic-block
(b) strategy-disabling
(c) part-facilitating
(d)decision-expediting

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(e) method-further

15.Services provided by money transfer companies are ___ for people who do not have bank accounts or who are working far from home and are helpful to – trade a disperse wealth.

(a) fundamental–compute
(b) prerequisite-invigorating
(c) vitally-strengthen
(d) essentially-booster
(e) inherent-foster

16. Realistically, however this disconnect cannot ___ itself very long, sooner rather than ___ the whole will no doubt converge.

(a) sustain, later
(b) sustained, later
(c) submerge, latter
(d) harmonize, lately
(e) mend, lately

17. Digitisation will ___ a couple of billion dollars in pay revenues, bring more taxes choice and clean out black money ___ cable.

(a) realise, from
(b) replenish, off
(c) release, from
(d) revive, with
(e) supply, with

18. Public sector infrastructure financing companies could ___ of the ambitious „smart cities‟ citing ___ of guaranteed returns on investments.

(a) opt for, crisis
(b) opt out, lack
(c) prefer, excess
(d) select, lack
(e) opt, cause

19. Looks like the oil markets are not only showing ___ between the physical and the financial perspectives from time to time but also ___ between the short term view and the long term realities.

(a) disconnect, convergence

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(b) disconnect , divergence
(c) connection, difference
(d) supply, demand
(e) similarity, contrast

20. Top global oil exporter Saudi Arabia ___ its crude production in April to a record high, ___ its flourishing Asian market share.

(a) rose, feed
(b) risen, collecting
(c) raised, lead
(d) raised, feeding
(e) increased, healing

Solutions

1. (a); allow, declare
2. (b); increasing, facilities
3. (d); decided, used
4. (a); prohibited, making
5. (c); fine, premises
6. (b); barriers – opened
hurdles barrie is and **obstacltes** are synonymous
7. (c); bombardment – panic
8. (a); contrary –action
9. (d); perseverance – desired
10. (e); generous –appreciated
11. (c); since – exciting Since: because, as
Exciting: causing great interest or excitement.
12. (b); located – havoc
Mayhen (Noun): confusion and fear, usually caused by violent behaviour/by some sudden shocking event.
Havoc = a situation in which there is a lot of damage, destruction.
13. (d); antiquated – almost
obsolete (Adjective): out of date
antiquated (Adjective): out dated
sustainable (Adjective): that can continue/be continued for a long time
obsolete and **antiquated** are synonymous

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Antiquated: outdated; old fashioned and no longer suitable for modern conditions.

14. (a); **tactic – block**

Tactic : the particular method you use to achieve something.

Block: to prevent something from happening

15. (a); **fundamental – compute**

fundamental (Adjective): serious and very important

compute (Verb): to calculate something

prerequisite (Verb): Precondition

Invigorating (Verb) : making somebody feel healthy and full of energy

vitally (Adjective): extremely; in an essential way

booster (Noun): a thing that helps, encourage/improves somebody/something

inherent (Adjective): that is a basic/permanent part of somebody/something and that cannot be removed

foster (Verb) : to encourage something to develop

16. (a); **Sustain, later**

17. (c); **release, from**

18. (b); **opt out, lack**

19. (b); **disconnect, divergence**

Disconnect (V.) : a lack of connection, a disparity

Convergence (N.) : the process of becoming very similar/the same

Divergence (N.) a difference in opinions, views, etc., divergence, difference, contrast are

Synonyms.

20. (d); **raised, feeding**

The R.H.A

20 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 67

1. Three unknown assailants ___ on motorcycles and opened ___ barely a few metres from where the actor was shooting.

(a) came, shooting
(b) rode, rounds
(c) arrived, fire
(d)approached ,hitting
(e) climbed, shots

2. The police ___ in ___ a car theft case within a matter of two hours of registration of the complaint.

(a) achieved, solving
(b)victorious, catching
(c) famed, arresting
(d)succeeded, cracking
(e) failed. Assigning

3. The health ministry has approved major expansion of post-graduate seats in key departments of AIMS to ____ the severe ___ of specialists across the country.

(a) address, dearth
(b) correct, loss
(c) improve, damage
(d) rectify, limits
(e) good, shortage

4. With the ____ wedding season, people are leaving no stone unturned to make their wedding cards look ___.

(a) prolonged, beyond (b) ongoing, special
(c) instant, great (d) sudden, while
(e) estimated, legible

5. The tourism data ____ that Indians are ____ the biggest spenders while on holidays.

(a) says, within
(b) reveal, amongst

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(c) proclaims, between

(d) states, surrounded

(e) speaks, amid

6 Owners of private hostels located in residential areas are not only ____ taxes but are also functioning whimsically in the ____ of any regulatory body.

(a) avoiding, front

(b) paying, presence

(c) checking, dearth

(d) evading, absence

(d) destroying, life

7. Contractors across the State have ____ to stop work on the scheme after the Minister failed to give them concrete ___ of timely payment.

(a) thought, prove

(b) decided, assurance

(c) wished, demand

(d) started, guarantee

(e) determined, promise

8. Every third person visiting a doctor happens to ___ from a clinical or psychological disorder ____ with temblors.

(a) ail, regarding

(b) sick, related

(c) suffer, associated

(d) agonies, respect

(e) experience, connected

9. ____ makes the actress trip to the country different this year is that she is ___ to raise funds for the biopic of a literary icon.

(a) It, aiming,

(b) Which, trying

(c) This, attempting

(d) What, looking

(e) How, waiting

10. _____ it out in vehicles while remaining stuck in a traffic snarl for hours, has become a ____matter for commuters.

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(a) Sweating routine
(b) Waiting, everyday
(c) Thinking, regular
(d)Harrowing, habitual
(e) Fretting, practice

11. Although we ___ stiff competition from countries such as the Philippines, our BPO industry is still huge and ___ hundreds of Indians.

(a) face, employs
(b)experience, maintain
(c) prove, engages
(d) witness, services
(e) note, helps

12. A language is considered nearly ___ when only a few native speakers ___ it and it is no longer being taught to children.

(a) exhausted, say
(b) abolished, speak
(c)extinct, use
(d) pass, treat
(e) past, need

13. We ___ do not pay attention to the 30 minute gaps sand wiched ___ two meetings.

(a) seldom, in
(b) regularly, middle
(c) frequently, within
(d) often, between
(e) atleast, among

14. ____ other cities where lack of education or civic sense might be one of the reasons that may have contribute to issues related to solid waste management, most residents here are ___ of the pros and cons.

(a) Unlink, aware
(b)Inconsistent, conscious
(c) Similarly, known
(d) Contrary, careful
(e) Likewise, sensible

The R.H.A

15. The fact that Saudi Arabia nearly 10 million barrels of crude oil per day is not the reason it has been called "the Central Bank of Oil"

(a) removes, alone

(b) harvests, just

(c) saves, solely

(d) yield, single

(e) produces, only

Solutions

1. (c); came, shooting

Came, arrived, approached are **Synonyms.**

2. (d); Succeeded, Cracking

Crack (V.) : to find a solution to a problem.

Achieved, succeeded are **Synonyms**

Solving, cracking are **Synonyms**

3. (a); address, dearth

Address (V.) : to think about a problem/a situation and decide how you are going to deal with it

Dearth (N.): scarcity

Dearth, shortage are **Synonyms**

4. (b); ongoing, special

Prolonged (Adj.) : continuing for a long time

Ongoing (Adj.) : continuing to exist/develop prolonged, ongoing are **Synonyms.**

5. (b); reveal, amongst,

Reveal (V.) : disclose; to make something known.

Says, reveal, proclaims, states, speaks are **Synonyms**

6. (d); evading, absence

Evade (V.) = to find a way of not doing something that is morally or legally required to be done.

Avoiding, evading are **Synonyms**

7. (b); decided, assurance

8. (c); suffer, associated

9. (d); what, looking

10. (a); sweating, routine

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Routine, everyday, regular, habitual be **Synonyms.**

Sweat out (Phr. V.): to be waiting for something unpleasant or difficult to end.

11. (a); **face, employs**

12. (c); **extinct, use**

Extinct (Adj.) : no longer in existence

13. (d); **often, between**

For two objects, **between** is used

Often (Adv.) : frequently; many times

14. (a); **unlike, aware**

Aware (Adj.) : knowing or realising something

15. (e); **produces, only**

The R.H.A

15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 68

1. Parents need to encourage their children to look ___ the traditional fields so that a passion can be ___ into a career.

(a) beyond, developed
(b) outside, moved
(c) along, blossom
(d) besides, pushed
(e) within, matured

2. In an ___ to save farmers from vagaries of Monsoon, the government will soon ___ villages with nearest sources of water.

(a) event, join
(b) efforts, link
(c) endeavour, assign
(d) attack, allot
(e) attempt, connect

3. ___ green and black tea are obtained from the same plant there are quite a few significant differences ___ them.

(a) Although, attaching
(b) since, among
(c) However, in
(d) Though, between
(e) Because, across

4. Sports leagues have ___ sports like Kabaddi, football and Tennis a leg up but that may not be ___ to transform Indian sport.

(a) sent, sufficient
(b) thrown, ample
(c) given, enough
(d) set, much
(e) shown, adequate

5. Time and again worried analysis have ___ of trouble, as debt laden and spendthrift consumers are ___ to rein in their spending.

(a) thought, eager

(b) alarmed, force
(c) wondered, armed
(d) cautioning, likely
(e) warned, unwilling

6. The Finance Department has ___ a centralised online databank system for all statutory government bodies to ___ an eye on their assets and liabilities.

(a) presented, stay
(b) introduced, keep
(c) announce, make
(d) created, let
(e) proclaimed, hold

7. More is ___ of conditions of the tribal‟s in Maharashtra than ___ conditions of those in the other parts of the country.

(a) certain, the
(b) known, of
(c) aware, of
(d) favourable, those
(e) uncertain, all

8. In a ___ tone, the leader made a powerful ___ to the mob.

(a) realistic, zeal
(b) lower, conviction
(c) loud, argument
(d) soft, appeal
(e) pitch, statement

9. The government has ___ that the infrastructure for the new project must be completed ___ the next six months.

(a) stipulated, for
(b) sanction, by
(c) assurance, in
(d) mandated, within
(e) envisage, during

10. The official not only ___ the renewal of the contract but also ___ the information about its status.

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(a) revealed, classified
(b) withdrawn, leaked
(c) delayed, withhold
(d) interfere, refused
(e) impeded, excluding

11.____too much planning can hamper development we do need to plan our cities ___ balancing environmental costs and public demand.

(a) Since, much
(b) Knowing, haphazardly
(c) Whereas, systematic
(d) Perhaps, organises
(e) While, intelligently

12. Owing to the slowdown in growth, real estate developers have ____ different strategies from cutting their debts and repaying banks to ____ new projects.

(a) merged, introduce
(b) realised, admit
(c) adopted, launching
(d) implemented, founded
(e) actively, create

13. Though women currently ___ for 10 percent of mid to senior level management in Japan, they comprise only 1 percent of executive committee members, but these figures are gradually ____.

(a) tally, perfect
(b) explain, expand
(c) describe, strong
(d)account, improving
(e) acknowledge, decline

14. At present mutual funds provide ____ information to customers but if more data is provided customers will perhaps be able to make ____ decisions.

(a) limited, better
(b) most, any
(c) primary, completely

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(d)inadequate, perfectly
(e) partial, worthwhile

15. The working group ___ that the priority sector lending target for all banks ___ foreign banks should be 40 percent of Adjusted Net Bank Credit.

(a) reassess, not
(b) suggests, including
(c) propose, other
(d) recommends, than
(e) indicate, over

Solutions

1. (a); beyond, developed
2. (e); attempt, connect
3. (d); though, between
4. (c); **given, enough**

Give a leg-up (Id.): to help somebody to improve their situation
Sufficient, enough, adequate and **ample** are synonymous

5. (e); **warned, unwilling**

Debt – laden (Adjective) : full of debt
Rein (V.) : to control; to check

6. (b); **introduced, keep**

Introduce : to be the start of the new.

7. (b); **known, of**
8. (d); **soft, appeal**
9. (d); **mandated, within**

Envisage (Verb): to imagine what will happen in the future.
Mandate : to order somebody to do something

10. (c); **delayed, with hold**

Withhold : to keep back; to refuse to give something to somebody.

11. (e); **while, intelligently**

To modify the **Verb (plan),** an **Adverb** i.e., **intelligently** should be used here.

12. (c); **adopted, launching**

Adopt (V.) : to start to use a particular method
Adopted, implemented are **Synonyms**
Introduced, launch, found, create are **Synonyms**

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13. (d); account, improving

Account (N.): to be a particular amount or part of something. Tally, account are **Synonyms**

14. (a); limited, better

Limited (Adj.): not very great in amount or extent.

Limited, inadequate, partial are **Synonyms**

15. (b); suggest, including

Including (Prep.) : having something as part of a group or set.

Suggest, propose, recommends are **Synonyms**

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 69

1. Our latest battle plan____ some projects _______ at saving the earth's biological diversity.

(a) finishes, stirring
(b) covers, aimed
(c) finances, looking
(d) enclose, looked
(e) excludes, arriving

2. Unless the authorities adopt the principle____ the strategies cannot become_____.

(a) whole-heartedly, successful
(b) fully, defunct
(c) finally, obsolete
(d) legitimately, noteworthy
(e) logically, trivial

3. Trying to ____ a team without a good and simple system is like trying to drive a car without a steering wheel _______.

(a) form, working
(b) place, exploratory
(c) organize, empowering
(d) make, guidance
(e) achieve, development

4. ____ members of a group often ______ influence the outcome of a consensus forecast

(a) fixed, exert
(b) majority, rightly
(c) oral, legitimately
(d) minority, inadvertently
(e) dominant, unduly

5. Transforming ____ bureaucracies into dynamic, this task of customer driven organization is______ under prevailing circumstances.

(a) ideal, important

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(b) lazy, undesirable
(c) inefficient, challenging
(d) civilized, ineffective
(e) lethargic, insurmountable

6. The Deputy Manager _______ to resign because all his proposals were _____ down by superiors.

(a) planned, thrown
(b) gave, held
(c) began, kept
(d) willing, knocked
(e) threatened, turned

7. The Counter clerk was very busy and____ not pay_______ to Sameer's request.

(a) can, help
(b) could, cooperation
(c) had, cash
(d) did, attention
(e) certainly, acceptance

8. He was initially____ at the suggestion but was soon_____ it himself.

(a) anger, rejecting
(b) shocked, advocating
(c) impressed, negating
(d) thrilled, propagating
(e) suspicious, trusting

9. Shalini was not____ by the criticism and paid no____ even when her best friend talked against her.

(a) bothered, attention
(b) troubled, brained
(c) threatened, warning
(d) deterred, heed
(e) shaken, indication

10. She was ____ because all her plan had gone_____

(a) happy, selected
(b) dejected, splendidly

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(c) distraught, awry
(d) frustrated, magnificently
(e) None of these

11. *He preaches liberal views but in practice, he is not ______ and is ___ narrow minded than almost any other person*

(a) tough, openly
(b) tolerant, more
(c) ambitious, hardly
(d) acceptable, genuinely
(e) approachable, less

12. *Ravi ____ a bit _____ he was not invited by his friend to attend the party.*

(a) annoyed, before
(b) angered, since
(c) expressed, than
(d) grumbled, when
(e) surprised, about

13. *He is ____ to ____any kind of work with due sincerity.*

(a) fond, perform
(b) reluctant, entrust
(c) determined, undertake
(d) eager, avoid
(e) willing, ignore

14. *Children are more ___ than adults, it is ______ their quickness in learning a new language.*

(a) intelligent, disproved by
(b) adaptable, reflected in
(c) conservative, seen in
(d) susceptible, demonstrated in
(e) resourceful, proportionate to

15. *______ of crops was due to continuous______*

(a) loss, draught
(b) ruin, draft
(c) failure, drought
(d) depreciation, drift

(e) none of these

Solutions

1 B

2 A

3 A

4 E

5 C

6 E

7 D

8 B

9 A

10 C

11 B

12 D

13 C

14 B

15 C

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 70

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1. Prabha's ____ in athletics yielded rich _____ as she got a scholarship.

(a) performance, money
(b) defeat, results
(c) behavior, appreciation
(d) excellence, dividends
(e) failure, disappointment

2. the police ______ any attempt of arson by _____ at the trouble spot quite in time.

(a) squashed, surrounding
(b) made, encircling
(c) predisposed, visiting
(d) thwarted, presenting
(e) pre-empted, arriving

3. The _______ imposed for non-payment was too ______ for it to bring in improvement in collection.

(a) fine, serve
(b) toll, simple
(c) penalty, low
(d) damage, cruel
(e) punishment, harsh

4. Somesh_____ me coming to his table, he smiled and____ me a chair.

(a) found, signaled
(b) met, sat
(c) looked, gave
(d) saw, offered
(e) welcomed, took

5. The leader were ______ needed by those to ____ they addressed.

(a) angrily, who
(b) readily, which
(c) scarcely, whom
(d) rarely, where

(e) None of these

6. I am not _____ to sell you my house unless you offer a more _______ price.

(a) agree, better

(b) prepared, realistic

(c) ready, correct

(d) having, actual

(e) None of these

7. Due to _____ rain All this year, there will be _____ cut in water supply.

(a) scantly, substantial

(b) meagre, least

(c) sufficient, no

(d) surplus, abundant

(e) abundant, considerable

8. In a changing and ______ unstructured business environment, creativity and innovation are being_______ demanded of executives.

(a) excessively, rapidly

(b) highly, extremely

(c) increasingly, moderately

(d) progressively, increasingly

(e) highly, speedily

9. We are ____ to have him______ here to make this function a great success.

(a) happy, have

(b) unhappy, arrive

(c) sure, come

(d) pleased, over

(e) wonderful, again

10. To ____ yourself from ____ wear worm clothes.

(a) prohibit, heat

(b) protect, cloth

(c) save, heat

(d) suffer, cold

(e) prevent, ice

11. We ____ him with many promises, but nothing would______ him.

(a) tempted, influence

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(b) provoked, desiccate
(c) attracted, fascinate
(d) gave, deprive
(e) negotiable, please

12. In his_____ he followed the___ course.

(a) agony, funny
(b) ignorance, wrong
(c) hurry, diversified
(d) predicament, proper
(e) bewilderment, appropriate

13. The construction of the hall has been ____ because of the _______ of cement in the market.

(a) held, non-availability
(b) denied, restrictions
(c) hampered, shortage
(d) prevented, supply
(e) completed, disappearance

14. Only when______ failed, the police resorted to____.

(a) efforts, power
(b) arrests, imprisonment
(c) persuasions, shortage
(d) power, punishment
(e) manipulation, arrests

15. The partners broke off as they found each other_______ of ________ breach of promise.

(a) faulty, severe
(b) responsible, serious
(c) guilty, flagrant
(d) accused, rigid
(e) None of these

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Solutions

1 D

2 E

3 C

4 D

5 C

6 B

7 A

8 D

9 D

10 B

11 A

12 B

13 C

14 E

15 C

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 71

1. They wanted to ____ all these books, but they could not find ________ time to do so.

(a) cover, almost
(b) pursue, necessary
(c) dispose, some
(d) read, sufficient
(e) buy, some

2. Though he is reputed for his technical______,his books were sadly ______ of the work of others as he lacked.

(a) advice, unconscious
(b) skill, independent
(c) knowledge, ignorant
(d) expertise, derivative
(e) dependence, indicative

3. He had managed to ______ several times, but was finally _______ by the police.

(a) deceive, cheated
(b) defend, acquitted
(c) escape, arrested
(d) cheat, robbed
(e) abscond, kidnapped

4. The candidate's _______ at the polls was _______ as he won with as striking margin.

(a) claim, unrealistic
(b) victory, overwhelming
(c) image, real
(d) strategy, unsuccessful
(e) candidature, inappropriate

5. In ___ of International matters, there is always an element of risk in ___ one might do.

(a) view, whichever

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(b) many, doing
(c) defence, wrong
(d) case, whatever
(e) spite, whatever

6. We must prevent endangered wild animal species from becoming___ in order that our future generation may ___ great
diversity of animal life
(a) rare, escape
(b) outdated, now
(c) volatile, notice
(d) powerful, protect
(e) extinct, enjoy

7. We cannot ______ such a/an ______ act of violence.
(a) tolerate, insipid
(b) consider, important
(c) commit, magnificent
(d) pardon, egregious
(e) neglect, insignificant

8. The secretary _______ the society's Funds _______, he was dismissed.
(a) misplaced, soon
(b) rolled, thus
(c) pirated, therefore
(d) misappropriated, so
(e) None of these

9. The _____ words of the mother comforted the _____ child.
(a) harsh, naughty
(b) sweet, happy
(c) soft, energetic
(d) melodious, playful
(e) None of these

10. Santhosh looked very happy and____when he heard that his proposed scheme was _____ by the committee.
(a) energetic, rejected
(b) elated, accepted

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(c) satisfied, stalled
(d) disconsolate, approved
(e) overwhelming, stalled

11. It is indeed_____ that fifty years after independence, we have failed to_____ a suitable education on examination system.

(a) bed, produce
(b) improper, create
(c) sad, evolve
(d) objectionable, present
(e) None of these

12. The bandit____ the traveler of his purse, gold and ____ him grievously.

(a) snatched, hurt
(b) stole, injured
(c) demanded, beat
(d) robbed, wounded
(e) None of these

13. It is _____ for every tax payer to _____ the tax returns to the Income Tax Department.

(a) necessary lodge
(b) binding, pay
(c) obligatory, submit
(d) possible, remit
(e) worthwhile, evade

14. The _______ of glory lead but to the ______.

(a) ways, happiness
(b) acts, prosperity
(c) paths, grave
(d) achievements, suffering
(e) None of these

15. If we do not take ___care in our industry, we will have to ______ a grave problem.

(a) normal, experience
(b) proper, face
(c) adequate, catch

(d)intensive, aggravate
(e) preventive, solve

Solutions

1 D

2 D

3 C

4 D

5 D

6 D

7 E

8 D

9 D

10 B

11 C

12 D

13 C

14 C

15 B

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 72

1. He shifted to his late parent's house not because of the _______ but for purely ________ reasons.

(a) convenience, sentimental
(b) satisfication, aesthetic
(c) reasons, monetary
(d)comforts, personal
(e) benefit, extraneous

2. The increasing revival of dramatic classics is to one critic ______ it seems to him a sign of _____ of the modern theatre.

(a) auspicious, resurgence
(b) tragic, anaemia
(C)incomprehensible, paradox
(d) astounding, life line
(e) None of these

3. The activities of the association have_____ from the ____ objectives set for it in the initial years.

(a) grown, simple
(b) deviated, original
(c) details, grand
(d) emerged, total
(e) increased, perverse

4. Those suffering from glaucoma find that their ___ vision is ___ and that they can no longer see objects not directly in front of them.

(a) optical, distorted
(b) peripheral, impaired
(C) periphrastic, demurred
(d) peripatetic, diminished

5. ______ the broker had warned him that the stock was a ____ investment, he insisted on buying a thousand shares.

(a) because, prudent

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(b) since, negligible
(C) because, speculative
(d) sufficient, enforce
(e) inadequate, impose

6. He is so ___ that everyone is always_____ to help in his work.

(a) helpful, reluctant
(b) aloof, cooperative
(c) adamant, enthusiastic
(d) miserly, ignorant
(e) magnanimous, eager

7. Instead of ___ prove your worth by______ something

(a) begging, demanding
(b) talking, doing
(c)worrying, playing
(d) writing, reading
(e) donating, demanding

8. The great scientist ______ himself with ability and modernation all____ the conference.

(a) felt, about
(b) displayed, in
(c) disclosed, besides
(d) conducted, through
(e) presented, through

9. The speech ___ with subtle threats has resulted in _____ tension in the sensitive areas of the city.

(a) started, reduced
(b) replete, increased
(c) full, escalating
(d) forced, dissolving
(e) followed, continuous

10. The minister felt that the ____ made by the committee was ____ even though similar schemes had worked earlier.

(a) decision, gainfull
(b) choice, profitable

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(c) acceptance, approved
(d) election, acceptable
(e) recommendation, infeasible

11. We can____ to travel by air, but we ____ train journey.

(a) spend, enjoy
(b) desire, commute
(C) afford, prefer
(d) decide, undertook
(e) become, accept

12. He was convinced that people were driven by _____ motives that he believed there was no such things as purely__ act.

(a) personal, vengeful
(b) personal, eternal
(c) altruistic, praiseworthy
(d) ulterior, selfless
(e) sentimental, divine

13. I don't _______ I shall be _____ to go.

(a) now, able
(b) consider, desirous
(c) think, able
(d) believe, liking
(e) feel, available

14. The ___ tactics of the party drove the community_______ and all hell broke loose.

(a) dilatory, berserk
(b) timely, crazy
(c) opportune, wild
(d) apposite, excited
(e) None of these

15. The female members of the group later____ and went on to become divas.

(a) joined
(b) distended
(c) distorted

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(d) disbanded
(e) None of these

Solutions

1 A

2 A

3 B

4 B

4 B

6 E

7 B

8 D

9 B

10 E

11 C

12 D

13 C

14 A

15 D

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 73

1. The chief ____ him of his administrative powers and______ him to the Bahamas.

(a) invested, shipped

(b) augmented, deported

(c) incremented, sent

(d) divested, deported

2. The valley was winding with the faint camp-fires of the scattered___

(a) twigs

(b) schools

(C)coteries

(d) contingents

3. The republicans thought Adams a far-seeing statesman and a/an ____ politician.

(a) bacchanalian

(b) neurotic

(c) aphasic

(d) astute

4. They feared that they might_____ develop the ____ raiding activity of the tribe into regular operations.

(a) abruptly, spontaneous

(b) incidentally, resplendent

(c) knowingly, spurious

(d) inadvertently, spurious

5. Her sister, of whose ______ and delicacy she was sure her opinion could never be shaken, was the talk of the town now.

(a) turpitude

(b) rectitude

(c) loose morals

(d) wickedness

6. She denounced the fiendish pronouncements of the general as the ______ schemes of _______ and power-crazy

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radical.

(a) spurious, lenient
(b) radical, beguiled
(c) loose, morals
(d) beneficial, high-strung

7. Already____ tensions between the ethnic group and the refugees were _____ last was after fresh riots broke out.

(a)reducing, toned down
(b) low, sparked off
(c) attenuated, driven away
(d) escalating, aggravated

8. The spirit of the New year Eve's celebration was______ by the down pour of rains, such to their______.

(a) aggravated, delight
(b) fired up, joy
(c) dampened, chagrin
(d) blown out, valour

9. She stoically revealed that armed robbers had ransacked the home and _____ added that her grandparents could not survive.

(a) euphemistically
(b) gravely
(c) soberly
(d) miserably

10. Ronnie was shocked to see his score in mathematics, getting one mark short was nothing short of a _____

(a) parody
(b) heresy
(c) travesty
(d) carrion

11. He cleverly drew upon the______ motives of his colleagues and made them contribute to the _____ fund.

(a) miserly, sincere
(b) insular, relief
(c) craven, justice

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(d) altruistic, dubious

12. There were two baskets kept for the garbage's disposal, one was marked_____ and one was marked_____ to simplify matters.

(a) low, high

(b) upward, downgraded

(C) parasitic, renewable

(d) biodegradable, recyclable

13. The task of the special committee was to put a_____ to the accelerating spread of the highly contagious disease across the ______ states.

(a) spur, far-flung

(b) hold, warring

(c) brake, contiguous

(d) downclamp, factions

14. Aimed at putting a check on _______ disruptions to the WTO proceedings, the Riot Guards made it clear that they can match the protestors' efforts store by stone, ____.

(a) rational, bridge by bridge

(b) justified, day by day

(c) putrid, hour by hour

(d)irrational, brick of brick

15. Our initial days at Rockford were _____ quite surprising, the head boy was the biggest_____, and we earned the nickname of the 'Peevish Batch'

(a) calm, mediator

(b) tempestuous, dissenter

(c) turbid, arbiter

(d) sane, leader

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Solutions

1 D **2** D **3** D **4** D **5** B **6** B **7** D **8** C **9** A **10** C

11 D **12** D **13** C **14** D **15** C

15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 74

1. The poet ______ the beauty of the courtesan with his lyrical melodies.
(a) condemned
(b)disparaged
(c) scorned
(d) extolled

2. To the dismay of her friends, her father ______ should at the authorities and hurled ______ abuses at them.
(a) vociferously, vituperative
(b) gently, decibel
(c) malignantly, carnal
(d) cowardly, harsh

3. A _____ is a _____.
(a) norm, standard
(b) knowledge, mistake
(c) student, school
(d) doctrine, follower
(e) thesis, superstition

4. A ___ shade of distinction is a _____.
(a) beautiful, vindication
(b) complete, profanity
(c) subtle, nuance
(d) thorough, prejudice
(e) entire, paradox

5. ______, flattery is known as ___.
(a) regular, maturity
(b) indiscriminate, encomium
(c) servile, adulation
(d) unasked for, gratitude
(e) cowardly, temerity

6. At some private schools pupils are under the ______ of a _______.
(a) guidance, palladium

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(b) tutelage, preceptor
(c) coaching, verity
(d) assiduity, palladium
(e) consensus, mentor

7. A large _____ center is a/an ___.

(a) district, affliction
(b) transport, automobile
(c) civic, utarchy
(d) shopping, emporium
(e) educational, indignity

8. ______ persons are inclined to ______.

(a) obese, corpulence
(b) generous, leanness
(c) domineering, temperance
(d) vacillating, determination
(e) cowering, effrontery

9. A_______ is a temporary ____.

(a) deviation, rest
(b) shambles, journey
(c) respite, relief
(d) paradox, enchantment
(e) feint, spell

10. _______ language may also be _____.

(a) eloquent, exiguous
(b) frenzied, placid
(c) abusive, scurrilous
(d) contumelious, flattering
(e) denunciatory, peripatetic

11. A _______ of small stones is called a ___.

(a) design, numismatist
(b) collar, tiara
(c) seller, connoisseur
(d) mound, lithograph
(e) patter, mosaic

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12. Suzerainty is ________ control over a ____ state.

(a) full, democratic

(b) domestic, backward

(c) central, unified

(d) political, dependent

(e) economic, federate

13. To encourage colonial peoples in their aspirations to attain independence before it is _____ proved that a ___ state will evolve instead of anarchy is unforgivable.

(a) unchanged, formidable

(b) certainty, sympathetic

(c) succinctly, redoubtable

(d) incontrovertibly, viable

(e) unequivocally, mobile

14. Human memory is not ___ especially on ancienty happenings that smack of the _____.

(a) infallible, mythological

(b) dependable, simple

(c) confidant, fanciful

(d) reliable, inventive

(e) noteworthy, fanciful

15. Athletes have so perfected their techniques in track and field events that the _______ becomes _____ before record books can be published.

(a) announcement, public

(b) meet, official

(c) time, authentic

(d) fantastic, commonplace

(e) result, universal

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Solutions

1 D **2** A **3** A **4** C **5** C

6 B **7** D **8** A **9** C **10** C **11** E **12** D **13** C **14** A **15** D

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 75

1. Like the ______ part of an iceberg, much of what is really interesting in the capital is not _____.

(a) inner, known

(b) submerged, visible

(c) greater, dangerous

(d) upper, viable

(e) lower, penetrable

2. Hence the word sophistry has an unfavourable _____ and means arguing deceitfully, attempting to turn a poor case into a good one by means of clever but _____ reasoning.

(a) denotation, ingenuous

(b) meaning, ingenious

(c) connotation, specious

(d) significance, vague

(e) impact, cogent

3. He warned the workers against supporting these antisocial policies, which he declared would _____ rather than ____ the plight of the common people.

(a) rescue, destroy

(b) encourage, defy

(c) aggravate, alleviate

(d) empower, improve

(e) protract, inhibit

4. The defense proposals show that the prosecution so ______ rejects as______ did indeed take place, is indeed historical fact.

(a) blithely, undesirable

(b) cavalierly, apocryphal

(c) cautiously, factual

(d) persuasively, ignorance

(e) positively, inevitable

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5. We have criticized our university students for preferring the security of political silence and the safety of ______ to the excitement of social _______ and humanitarian action.

(a) acquiescence, dissent

(b) college, adventure

(c) concealment, revolution

(d) tolerance, antagonism

(e) security, insecurity

6. The practice of painting slogans on rock faces, once a thriving industry in Britain, has fallen into ______ but there has recently been a/an ______ in Country Antrim.

(a) oblivion, demand

(b) misuse, artisian

(c) disfavor, upheaval

(d) mediocrity, surfeit

(e) disuse, recrudescence

7. It is well-known _____ that the lover of the sea craves for dry-land the age-old ____ to be where we are not.

(a) belief, antipathy

(b) anomaly, demiurge

(c) credo, inspiration

(d) contention, duplicity

(e) paradox, yearning

8. Why should a university ______ the values which are supposedly basic to its functioning and give an honorary doctorate to one who has not distinguished himself in a/an _____ manner?

(a) deflate, scholarly

(b) foretell, worldly

(c) vilify, collegiate

(d) abuse, doctrinaire

(e) debase, academic

9. Such stalling tactics are ______ to all fens and cannot be ____.

(a) repugnant, condoned

(b) anathema, ascertained

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(c) injurious, explained
(d) unfair, superseded
(e) understandable, countenanced

10. The _______ of democratic freedom is dialogue and the _______ interchange of diverse ideas.

(a) deterioration, untrammeled
(b) height, restrained
(c) essence, unhampered
(d) alienation, compulsory
(e) epitome, discriminating

11. Although there were ______ circumstances in this particular violation of the law, the judge ruled that there had to be strict, ____ or there would be no law at all.

(a) extraordinary, complaisance
(b) specific, obedience
(c) tantalizing, adherence
(d) extenuating, compliance
(e) questionable, observation

12. In spite of all _____, in spite of penalties for examinees when cheater were caught, there is evidence of the _______ of the rigid rules of external help on civil service tests.

(a) threats, encompassment
(b) surveillance, vulnerability
(c) temptation, flouting
(d) precautions, circumvention
(e) discouragement, acceptance

13. Hungarians may grumble about the difficulty of acquiring cars, but they point quickly to a compensation: the ____ look of their tree- lined avenues and the absence of _____ exhaust fumes.

(a) calm, superfluous
(b) otiose, poisonous
(c) tranquil, copious
(d) anomalous, fetid
(e) uncluttered, noxious

14. In architecture, much more than in any of the other fine arts, there is a marked time lag between the ______ of ideas and their ______ in the shape of completed building.

(a) settlement, fruition
(b) creation, welcoming
(c) tradition, modernization
(d) dawn, practicability
(e) emergence, application

15. In analyzing the ______ teen age population, Madison Avenue has decided that it is eminently receptive to the ____ of advertising.

(a) proliferating, buncombe
(b) ubiquitous, mystique
(c) diminishing, fantasy
(d) burgeoning, blandishments
(e) viable, syndrome

Solutions

1 B **2** C **3** C **4** B **5** A **6** E **7** E **8** E **99** A **10** C

11 D **12** D **13** E **14** E **15** D

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 76

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1. No matter how _______ the Russians are of wish to appear, they, as well as we, know that to survive it is necessary to reach agreements which may ______ mutual sacrifices.

(a) fatuous, necessitate
(b) bellicose, evade
(c) refractory, obliterate
(d) indifferent, subsume
(e) intransigent, entail

2. Into the limited space given him a headline writer must compress the ____ of the news and he must do it without _____.

(a) synopsis, reservations
(b) gist, ambiguity
(c) magnitude, distortion
(d) totality, hedging
(e) bias, apology

3. For some years past, French governments had been _____ and divided, and French parliaments had been incoherent and ________.

(a) inarticulate, responsive
(b) untable, domineering
(c) weak, inchoate
(d) many, few
(e) vacillating, irresponsible

4. Scientific imagination is a specific intellectual power that is _______ in every population that has learned to be _____ about the mechanisms governing the physical world.

(a) encouraged, wary
(b) evoked, self- deprecatory
(c) latent, curious
(d) growing, self-possessed
(e) language, diffident

5. In Diplomatic ________ the ____ sought by on government from another to the name of a proposed ambassador is known as an "agreement".

(a) dealing, understanding

(b) parlance, assent

(c) circles, permission

(d) channels, condition

(e) language, interpretation

6. Camille Pissarro, eldest of France's great impressionist _________ that included Monet, Manet, Rennoir and Degas, was both the movement's _______ and its saint.

(a) cabal, doyen

(b) sodality, gadfly

(c) entity, defector

(d) hierarchy, patriarch

(e) brotherhood, demon

7. The westerlies normally cross the United States at altitudes from 10,000 to 50,000 feet along the Canadian border, acting as a ______ to Arctic winds and giving the Middle Atlantic States relatively ______ winters.

(a) counterpart, unsettled

(b) propellant, mild

(c) counterpart, unsettled

(d) buffer, temperate

(e) deterrent, cold

8. But even Mr. Moses, one of the most ________ public servants of our time, is at a loss to convey in words the size, the imaginative engineering _____ that built this contribution to the welfare of family and industry.

(a) tongue-tied, miracle

(b) dedicated, oppositeness

(c) unappreciated, technique

(d) public-spirited, skill

(e) articulate, ingenuity

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9. Among the younger people there are complaints that the sight of ex-Nazis flourishing recommends ________ youth, that it instills, instead of needed moral values, the dubious percept that ______is the best policy.

(a) precepts, intolerance
(b) desperation, dishonesty
(c) emulation, honesty
(d) cynicism, expediency

10. Even as _______ machines free men from drudgery, they ___ displace men from jobs.

(a) automated, simultaneously
(b) robot like, unwillingly
(c) animated, ineluctably
(d) accelerated, seemingly
(e) antiquate, understandably

11. To cross the Rubicon means to take a final ______ step which may have dangerous _____.

(a) hazardous, precedent
(b) unwarranted, potentialities
(c) inconsequential, concomitants
(d) well-considered, implications
(e) irrevocable, consequences

12. Though the Oxford English Dictionary is undoubtedly the greatest dictionary ever _____ it is designed for scholars and research workers rather than for the ______ dictionary user.

(a) assembled, assiduous
(b) demonstrated, amateur
(c) projected, omniscient
(d) published, professional
(e) compiled, casual

13. For nearly a century the _____ travelers cheque has been the nearest thing to an internationals currency yet devised by man, and has guided generations of Americans and other tourists through the _____ of foreign exchange.

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(a) useful, excesses (b) surreptitious, complexities (c) plausible, maze (d) sacrosanct, fluctuations (e) ubiquitous, labyrinth

14. If it were true that enduring lessons are learned from _______ errors, Broadway would be the repository of _____ theatrical wisdom.

(a) accidental, occult
(b) egregious, sublime
(c) dubious, profound
(d) dramatic, lasting
(e) stupid, attenuated

15. After careful thought I bought for my daughter a combination _______ with little shiny stones that could even be mistaken for diamonds.

(a) presented
(b) looked
(c) hid
(d) decorated
(e) put

Solutions

1 E **2** B **3** E **4** C **5** B

6 D **7** D **8** E **9** D **10** A **11** E **12** E **13** E **14** B **15** D

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 77

1. Although religion does not _______ the acquisition of wealth, the tenor of its teaching is to _______ an attitude of indifference to worldly things.

(a) proclaim, prohibit
(b) inhibit, induce
(c) manifest, proud
(d) delink, develop (e) allow, criticize

2. Students should be ________ to realize that the real goods of life are spiritual, love of things of the spirit and ______ of their fellowmen.

(a) made, service
(b) allowed, needs
(c) believed, service
(d) made, devotion
(e) professed, involvement

3. Extreme poverty is as _______ to stagnation and impoverishment as ________ wealth.

(a) dangerous, restrained
(b) provocative, permissible
(c) supportive, foul
(d) stupendous, corrupt
(e) liable, excessive

4. It is accurate to refer to poets as dreamers but it is not ________ to infer that the dreams of poets have no practical value beyond the _______ of literacy diversion.

(a) possible, shadow
(b) sensible, object
(c) discerning, realm
(d) valuable, field
(e) comparable, circle

5. Every ______ step man takes in any field of life, is first taken along the dreamy ______ of imagination.

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(a) calculated, vision
(b) outward, base
(c) forward, path
(d) initial, thought
(e) parallel, extent

6. At the dawn of history India _______ on her unending quest and trackless centuries are _______ with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures.

(a) started, filled
(b) marched, evolved
(c) proceeded, pulled
(d) started, vanished (e) marched, filled

7. It is height of ________ for men who fully appreciate in their own case the great advantages of a good education but _______ these advantages to women.

(a) arrogance, abstain
(b) propensity, bestow
(c) proliferation, advance
(d) selfishness, deny
(e) stupidity, prohibit

8. As everybody is _______ attached to his motherland it is difficult to find a man who is ________ of love for his motherland.

(a) constantly, disposed
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(e) deeply, devoid

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(c) conveyed, followers

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(e) proclaimed, memories

10. The society provides the individual security of life, ________ of thought and sustenance for action. Every individual who _______ from society is indebted to the society.

(a) serenity, gains (b) prosperity, benefits
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(d) seriousness, derives
(e) semblance, evolves

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(a) develop, enlarge
(b) surpass, align
(c) project, assimilate
(d) service, mitigate
(e) compete, strengthen

12. A _______ reader gets much greater pleasure from reading books than a miser gets in ______ money.

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(b) voracious, hoarding
(c) desirous, stocking
(d) proverbial, spending
(e) profound, lavishing

13. The well-known judge who was earlier _______ to head the delegation has now given his ______.

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(c) requested, chances
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(e) expected, assurances

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15. He objected to the proposal because it was founded on a ______ principle and also was _______ at times.

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11 E 12 B 13 A 14 E 15 C

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 79

1. The criterion for _______ a player should be based on his recent performance; but unfortunately, the journalists are _______ to be carried away by earlier successes.

(a) condemning, satisfying
(b) judging, prone
(c) revealing, reluctant
(d) eager, acclaiming
(e) criticizing, clean

2. For the last half century he _______ himself to public affairs _______ taking a holiday.

(a) by, committed
(b) after, offered
(c) devoted, without
(d) sacrificed, after
(e) prepared, before

3. You will see signs of ________ everywhere, which speak well for the _______ of these people.

(a) decoration, senses
(b) clear, debris
(c) beauty, careful
(d) industry, prosperity
(e) repairs, extravaganza

4. The police arrested Ramesh on a _______ of theft but for lack of evidence _______ him.

(a) crime, imprisoned
(b) punished, complaint
(c) left, condition
(d) tip, absconding
(e) charge, released

5. The ______ violence that our town is witnessing has turned it into the most _______ town of our country.

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(a) huge, offensive
(b) unrestrained, devalued
(c) perplexing, repulsive
(d) unprecedented, degenerate
(e) mammoth, wanted

6. He _______ to the audience in a soft but confident tone all _______ had happened.

(a) explained, whatever
(b) narrated, that
(c) demonstrated, what
(d) briefed, those
(e) showed, whatsoever

7. He was ________ not to ________ done the exercise himself.

(a) expected, be
(b) required, being
(c) needed, get
(d) warned, be
(e) supposed, have

8. The ______ of the ________ carried out in the institute were published.

(a) reports, findings
(b) articles, observations
(c) drawbacks, preparations
(d) results, investigations
(e) observations, teams

9. Mr. Srinivasan is _______ to become chairman of the group _______ the retirement of his father.

(a) set, following
(b) voted, subsequent
(c) selected, despite
(d) approved, because
(e) decided, after

10. ________ your error the _______ consignment has been delayed by a week.

(a) according, important
(b) duly, urgent

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(c) owing to, entire
(d) added, crucial
(e) admitting, special

11. On account of the ______ in sales the software firm has achieved an eight per cent ______ in net profit.

(a) surge, fall
(b) increase, rise
(c) decline, slope
(d) hike, loss
(e) growth, advance

12. We are proud to say that today _____ 26 per cent of our total accounts are _______ by women and senior citizens.

(a) approximate, held
(b) nearly, authorized
(c) over, maintain
(d) above, open
(e) around, operated

13. The company has ______ special training to employees on _______ to trade online.

(a) announced, benefits
(b) offered, course
(c) imparted, risks
(d) sanction, skills
(e) provided, how

14. Poetry is the language of the imagination and the ______. It relates to whatever gives ______ pleasure or pain to the human mind.

(a) thinking, permanent
(b) analysis, temporary
(c) passions, immediate
(d) circumspection, sporadic
(e) visualization, constant

15. Success in business requires two things: a winning competitive _______ and superb organizational ______.

(a) advantage, satisfaction

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(b) planning, advantage
(c) strategy, execution
(d) philosophy, motivation
(e) marketing, strategy

Solutions

1 B 2 C 3 D 4 E 5 B

6 B 7 E 8 D 9 A 10 C 11 B 12 E 13 E 14 C 15 C

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 80

Q1. As the COP26 climate ________________enters its second week, negotiations in Glasgow have hit a ________________ phase.

a. summit

b. parlay

c. peak

d. critical

e. hazardous

f. precarious

A. a and d

B. b and f

C. c and e

D. a and f

E. none of these

Q2. India has had to walk a ________________tightrope over Ukraine in the past few days as it tried to ________________its ties with Moscow and the West.

a. tactful

b. diplomatic

c. political

d. balance

e. stable f. equal

A. a and d

B. b and d

C. c and f

D. c and e

E. none of these.

Q3. India has been under pressure to ________________Russia's invasion but has so far been ________________to do so.

a. attack

b. praise

c. condemn

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d. eager
e. reluctant
f. bashful
A. a & d
B. b & f
C. c & e
D. b & f
E. none of these

Q4. Record breaking ________________floods declared disaster ________________as rescue operation continues.

a. fatal
b. terminal
c. superficial
d. zone
e. tract
f. district
A. c & f
B. b & e
C. a & f
D. a & d
E. none of these

Q5. A 32-year-old Indian software engineer has become the latest ________________in a spate of mob lynching, allegedly ____________by child abduction rumours spreading over WhatsApp.

a. assailant
b. victim
c. prey
d. induced
e. spurred
f. impelled
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. a & f

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E. none of these

6. Indian students _____in Ukraine's big cities and at the border are frantically sending messages asking their government to _____them.

a. casted
b. forsaken
c. stranded
d. evict
e. remove
f. evacuate
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. b & d
E. none of these.

7. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has _____in Poland and is meeting key European allies over the ongoing Russian _____of Ukraine.

a. arrived
b. materialized
c. rolled
d. invasion
e. seizure
f. foray
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. b & f
E. none of these

8. Air-raid _____were sounded again in the capital overnight, and there were also reports of fierce _____in other cities including Chernihiv in the north.

a. whistle
b. sirens
c. horn
d. canon
e. shelling
f. blitz
A. a & d
B. b & e

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C. c & f
D. c & d
E. none of these

9. An 82-year-old woman is preparing to cycle the ____of Britain and become the oldest woman to _____the challenge.

a. span
b. long
c. length
d. compute
e. compete
f. complete
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. a & e
E. none of these

10. The UK government is ___calls to do more to help Ukrainian _____fleeing the Russian invasion.

a. facing
b. confront
c. meeting
d. refugees
e. escapees
f. outcasts
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. b & d
E. none of these

11. President Putin _________his military to move Russia's "deterrent forces" - which include nuclear weapons - to a "special mode of ________duty".

A. ordered, combat
B. enjoin, play
C. adjure, hostility
D. bid, opposing
E. none of the above

12. UK officials say that the language Putin used did not quite

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________with their ________ of the alert levels for Russian nuclear weapons.

A. seemly, grip
B. fit, understanding
C. suit, absorption
D. equip, assimilation
E. none of the above

13. Last week, Putin had ________in more coded language that if other countries ________with Russia's plans, they would face consequences.

A. tipped, obstruct
B. counseled, snoop
C. warned, interfered
D. urged, hinder
E. none of the above

14. Putin is ________about Western plans to provide military ________to the Ukrainians and wants to warn them about not doing too much.

A. eased, help
B. fretting, hand
C. edged, service
D. worried, assistance
E. one of the above

15. During the Cold War, a huge intelligence machine was ________in the West to ________ Moscow's nuclear arsenal.

A. created, watch
B. molded, eye
C. generated, notice
D. dismantled, attend
E. none of the above

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Q1Answer: A

The given context states that, as the climate meeting enters its second week, negotiations have hit a serious phase in Glasgow. Combinations of a and d are correct in this case. Other words do not make any sense here. Therefore, option A is correct.

Q2.Answer: B

The given context states that India has to maintain a political equilibrium between Moscow and the West over the invasion in Ukraine. Combinations of b and d are correct in this case. Therefore, option B is correct.

Q3…Answer: C

The given context states that India is under pressure to criticize the Russian invasion but till now they have been unwilling to do so. Combination c and e are correct in this case. Therefore, option C is correct.

Q4 Answer: D

The given context states that record breaking deadly floods are declared disaster areas as rescues continue. Combinations of a and d are correct in this case. Therefore, option D is correct.

Q5Answer: B

The given context states that a 32-year-old man has become the latest casualty of mob lynching, prompted by child abduction rumours spread on WhatsApp. Combination of b and e are correct. Therefore, option B is correct.

6… Answer: C

The given context states that Indian students trapped in Ukraine are asking their government to take them away from there. Combination of c and f are correct. Therefore, option C is correct.

7…Answer: A

The given context states that the British PM reached Poland and is meeting European allies over the ongoing Russian takeover of Ukraine. Combination a and d, are best in this case. Therefore, option A is correct.

8…Answer: B

The given context states that, air raid alarms were sounded in the capital and there were reports of fierce bombing in cities like Chernihiv. Combination of b and e are correct. Therefore, option B is correct.

9…Answer: C

The given context states that an 82-year-old woman will cycle the expanse of Britain and become the oldest women to finish the challenge. Combination of c and f is correct in this case. Therefore, option C is correct.

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10…Answer: A

The given context states that, UK is encountering calls to do more to help the Ukrainian asylum seekers fleeing the Russian invasion. Combination of a and d is correct in this case. Therefore, option A is correct.

11… Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, Putin have instructed his military to move Russia's nuclear forces to a special mode of war duty. Among the given options, the words in A are the most appropriate fit. Therefore, option A is correct.

12…Answer: B

The context given in the sentence states that the language used by Putin does not seem quite befitting with the UK officials comprehension of the alert levels for Russian nuclear weapons. The words in B seems to be the most appropriate fit. Therefore, option B is correct.

13…Answer: C

The context of the sentence states that Putin had cautioned in coded language that if other countries try to meddle with Russia's plans, they would face consequences. The words in C seems to be the best fit for the blanks. Therefore, option C is correct.

14…Answer: D

According to the given context, Putin is anxious about the West's plan to provide military aid to the Ukrainians. Among the given options, the words in D makes the most sense and fit the blanks. Therefore, option D is correct.

15…Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, during the cold war, an intelligence machine was constructed in the West to observe Moscow's nuclear arsenal. Among the given options, the words in A seems to be the best fit for the blanks. Therefore, option A is correct

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 81

Q1. Russians are starting to feel the ______of Western economic sanctions designed to ______the country for invading neighboring Ukraine.

A. affect, wallop

B. effect, punish

C. actions, exonerate

D. cause, penalize

E. none of the above

Q2. Residents in Moscow are ______some queues in food stores as people buy goods, they think will be in short supply due to price rises or trade_______.

A. communicating, limitation

B. interviewing, cutback

C. reporting, restrictions

D. publishing, stipulation

E. none of the above

Q3. A new report on the ______of climate change will likely be the most worrying _______ yet of how rising temperatures affect every living thing.

A. collision, amazement

B. crash, valuation

C. strike, judgement

D. impact, assessment

E. none of the above

Q4. China's carbon _______ are vast and growing, ______those of other countries.

A. emissions, dwarfing

B. outpouring, shadowing

C. discharge, stripping

D. exhausts, topping

E. none of the above

Q5. England saw a ______in young adults taking up smoking during the first______, according to a study.

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A. uptick, isolation
B. rise, lockdown
C. riot, incarceration
D. jump, detention
E. none of the above

6. The teacher must _________. The unique style of a learner in order to _________ it to the desired knowledge.

(a)advocate, direct
(b)perpetuate, develop
(c) appreciate, focus
(d) absorb, maintain
(e)discover, harness

7. Not all countries benefit _________ from liberalization. The benefits tend to _________ first to the advantaged and to those with the right education to be able to benefit from the opportunities presented.

(a)equally, generate
(b)richly, downgrade
(c)suitably, ascribe
(d) uniformly, percolate
(e) Judiciously facilitate

8. He has _________ sense of words. Therefore, the sentence he constructs are always _________ with rich meaning.

(a)profound, pregnant
(b)distinguished, loaded
(c)terrific, tempted
(d)meaningful, full
(e)outstanding, consistent

9. He was an _________ musician, had been awarded the George Medal during the second world war and _________ with the title of Rai Bahadur.

(a)outstanding,popularise
(b)underestimated, declared.
(c)accomplished, honored
(d)impressive, assigned
(e)obdurate, proclaimed

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10. Whether it be shallow or not, commitment is the ________ the ________ bedrock of any loving relationship.

(a) expression, perfunctory
(b) foundation, genuinely
(c)manifestation, deep
(d)key, alarmingly
(e)basis, absorbing

11. Many people take spirituality very seriously and ________ about those who don't worrying about them and ________ them to believe.

(a)think, criticising
(b)pride, appraising
(c)rationalise,enabling
(d)wonder, prodding
(e)ponder, venturing

12. Unless new reserves are found soon the worlds supply of coal is being ________ in such a way that with demand continuing to grow at present rates, reserves will be ________ by the year 2050.

(a) consumed, completed
(b) depleted, exhausted
(c) reduced, argument
(d)burnt, destroyed
(e)utilized, perished

13. If you are a ________ you tend to respond to stressful situations, in a calm, secure, steady and ________ way.

(a)resilient, rational
(b)obdurate, manageable
(c)propitious, stable
(d)delectable, . flexible
(e) supportive, positive

14. Management can be defined as the process of ________ organizational goals by working with and through human and nonhuman resources to ________improve value added to the world.

(a) getting, deliberately
(b)managing,. purposefully

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(c)targeting,. critically

(d)realizing, dialectically

(e)reaching, continuously

15. If you are an introvert, you ________ to prefer working alone and, if possible, will ________. towards projects where you can work by yourself or with as few people as possible.

(a) like, depart

(b) advocate, move

(c)tend, gravitate

(d) express, attract

(e) feel, follow

Solutions

1B

2C

3D

4 A

5 B

6. c

7. a

8. a

9. c

10. b

11. d

12. b

13. a

14. e

15. c

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 82

1. The ________ playing of loud music has led the angry residents of this vicinity to file a police complaint and move court against the organisers lack of ________ for the peoples need for a peaceful neighborhood.

(a)peaceful, thought
(b)abrupt, hope
(c)incessant, consideration
(d)fashionable, friendliness
(e)intermittent, interpretation

2. The ________ of the chronic balance of payments deficit which has ________ the Finance Ministry under three Prime Ministers is very real.

(a)temptation, reviled
(b)understanding, menaced
(c)impact, underestimated
(d)obligation, blessed
(e)dilemma, plagued

3. Britain for the present, is deeply ________ in economic troubles, and the economic future, heavily ________ looks uncertain.

(a)engrossed, responsive
(b)ingrained, skeptical
(c)saturate, enveloped
(d)mired, mortgaged
(e)restrained, participative

4. Belief that, the free ________ of ideas, people and cultures is essential to the ________ of a democratic society.

(a)selection, concurrence
(b)interchange, preservation
(c)reversal, upholding
(d)dissemination, congruence
(e)distinction, design

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5. As this country has become more ________ industrial and inter nationalised, it has like all Western democracies, experienced a necessary increase in the ________ of the executive.

(a)urbanized, role
(b)objective, wealth
(c)synthesized, efficiency
(d)civilized, convenience
(e)concretized, vision

6. More is ________. of conditions of the tribal's in Maharashtra than ________ conditions of those in the other parts of the country.

(a)certain,the
(b)known,,of
(c) aware, of
(d)favorable,those
(e)uncertain,all

7. Although ________ is not a very desirable feeling, We need a certain amount of it to ________ well.

(a)anxiety, exist
(b)grief, enjoy
(c) impatience, preach
(d)anger, define
(e)jealousy, bad

8. Although he is a________ person, he occasionally loses his ________

(a) quiet, power
(b)cheerful, grief
(c) balanced, temper
(d)thoughtful, anxiety
(e)generous, wealthy

9. In a ________ tone me leaner made a powerful ________to the mob.

(a)realistic, zeal
(b) lower, conviction
(c) loud, argument
(d)soft, appeal
(e) pitch, statement

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10. The tunnel was so ________ and congested, that we became ________

(a)long, enthusiastic

(b)deep, cautious

(c)dark,.frightened

(d) crowded, isolated

(e)sharp, worried

11. ________ the activities of moneylenders could have an adverse impact on those who ________ access to bank credit.

(a)encouraging, enjoying

b)permitting, denied

(c)confining, entitled

(d)promoting, benefit

(e)curbing, lack .

12. The budget announced substantial ________ of to critical sectors like education and healthcare. (a)expenditure, capital

(b)sanction, initiative

(c)allotment, security

(d)disbursement, investment

(e)allocation, resources

13. The government has decided not to make any changes in the country's tax ________ .

(a)sweeping, regime

(b)transparent, hike

(c)drastically, net

(d)constitutional, revenue

(e)existing, structure

14. The RBI has ________ a statement that the implementation of KYC , norms should not lead to the denial of banking ________ to customers.

(a)released, asset

(b)issued, services

(c)drafted, clearing

(d)made, tariff,

(e)notified transaction

15. The new scheme ________ all persons with disabilities

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defined ________ the Disabilities Act.

(a)discriminates, according

(b)recognizes, beneath

(c)profits, within

(d)covers, under

(e)promises, by

Solutions

1. c 2. e 3. b 4. b 5. a

6. b 7. b 8. c 9. d 10. c

11. e 12. d 13. a 14. b 15. d

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1. If the system _________ to yield the desired result, try to_________ the whole procedure in the given sequence.

(a)entitles, dump
(b)Ignores, reproduce
(c)fails, reoperate
(d)Imitates, generate
(e)equips, encompass

2. He is so _________ in his approach that not a single point ever _________ his attention.

(a) meticulous, escapes
(b)casual, erodes
(c)fanatic, brings
(d)deliberate, attracts
(e)nasty, coincides

3. Generally, _________ students _________ those who are mediocre.

(a)humble, surmount
(b)meritorious, surpass
(c)bright, overestimate
(d)intelligent, surrender
(e)studious, respect

4. _________ and_________ should not be tolerated In our country which boasts of Ahimsa as its way of life.

(a)Politicking, elections
(b)Dishonor, efficiency
(c)Lethargy, procrastination
(d)Nepotism, selfishness
(e)Hatred, violence

5. He _________a wrong act because it was _________ for him to do so due to circumstantial forces.

(a)compelled, necessary
(b)refused, dangerous

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(c)did, avoidable
(d)committed, inevitable
(e)simplified, harmful

6. Many teachers ________ the lack of professional freedom as the ________ for leaving the job.

(a)cited, reason
(b)explained, force
(c)claimed, understanding
(d)argued, culprit
(e)believe, ground

7. Skeptics would not ________ that the earth actually moves, let alone that it ________around the sun.

(a)permit, orbits
(b)accept, revolves
(c)experience, circles
(d)assume, went
(e)challenge, spins

8. Unpredictable ________ of the child could not lead the consultants to any ________ .

(a)performance, setting
(b)belief, judgment
(c)operation, purpose
(d)behavior, conclusion
(e)react, decision

9. A public servant who is guilty will not ________ punishment and no ________ person will be punished.

(a)be, sincere
(b)flee, guilty
(c)defend, common
(d)avoid, uninformed
(e)escape, innocent

10. Few professions can ________ the sheer variety and constant ________ of being a doctor.

(a)like, struggle

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(b)share, enthusiast
(c)match, challenge
(d)draw, workload
(e)justify, exception

11. To avoid ________ there is a need for ________ planning of the project.

(a)cancellation, broad
(b)problem, deliberate
(c)pitfalls, systematic
(d)inconvenience, convenient
(e)losses, temporary

12. A good management will decide not only the ________ for equipment but also its ________ for deciding priorities.

(a)need, urgency
(b)usefulness, utility
(c)cost, value
(d)requirement, necessities
(e)technology, methodology

13. ________ appears to be a small error in the beginning may turn out to be a ________ in the long run.

(a)It, disaster
(b)What, blunder
(c)That, debacle
(d)It, slip
(e)What, incident

14. Being very________in nature, he always uses his ________ skills.

(a)adamant, soft
(b)polite, basic
(c)humble, experimental
(d)pushy, persuasive (e)mild, aggressive

15. Demand and supply do not ________ the same relationship as the one that ________ between height and weight.

(a)possess, has
(b) Incur, is
(c)defend, volunteers

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(d)bear, borne
(e)have, exists

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1. c 2. a 3. e 4. e 5. d 6. a 7. b 8. d 9. e 10. C

11. c 12. a 13. b 14. e 15. d

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 84

Q1. Many joggers and dog walkers in the park appeared _________, joining the overwhelming majority of residents battling on without masks. Children played cricketand men read newspapers in ________ so thick that the park's ancient Islamic monuments were _________ visible in the gloom.

A.unfazed, smog, barely

B.cleared, rain, largely

C.lazy, winter, vaguely

D.dazed, water, highly

E.low, summers, mildly

Q2. All things were as ________ in the temple as ever I had seen them. The windows of the room of that side, _________ occupied by my friend, were dark and still, and there was no lounger in Garden court. I walked past the fountain twice or thrice before I __________ the steps that were between me and my rooms, but I was quite alone.

A.stoned, hurriedly, put

B.clean, mildly, accepted

C.broken, widely, envisaged

D.quiet, lately, descended

E.created, largely, took

Q3. Mother Nature doesn't lend you even a __________ of talent without expecting you to pay her back—with interest and gratitude. But here I am talking to someone who could ________ me! So, completely. Vienna's criminals will be __________ or pardoned based on what you feel and say.

A.excessive, trust, tried

B.smidgen, instruct, executed

C.pool, ask, released

D.spirit, accuse, hanged

E.None of these

Q4. Cambridge University-led research has successfully ________ washable, stretchable and breathable electronic circuits into fabric. The textile electronic devices are based on low-cost, ________ printing of inks based on

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graphene, a 2D form of carbon. The fabrics developed are _________ to wear and can survive up to 20 cycles in a typical washing machine, said researchers.

A.incorporated, sustainable, comfortable
B.segregated, high value, tight
C.insulated, quality, easy
D.prevented, valuable, hard
E.created, sustained, large

Q5. Michael understands that creating an ecosystem around the smallholders is important to ________ them in gainful farming. The rural tribal areas are acutely _________ in products and services required for profitable farming. The present scale and diffusion of agriculture technology is not attractive for conventional markets. Local entrepreneurship is essential to aggregate the demand and supply of farm inputs, services and outputs. It has to sustain the agripreneur, as well as help him stay ________ in the local market.

A.help, intolerant, happy
B.provide, short, creative
C.facilitate, mature, detained
D.sustain, deficient, competitive
E.bind, yielding, diligent

Q6. Pakistan _______________ raises this bogey of nuclear escalation every time it engages in some action in terms of _____________ terrorists across.

A.repeatedly, sending
B.exercised, budgeted
C.constraints, struggles
D.approached, motivational
E.attract, considered.

Q7. Attention needs to be ___________ to both cyclical and structural dimensions of India's present ________________ slowdown.

A.infrastructure, functionality
B.paid, economic
C.sought, remote
D.willing, sharing

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E.developed, funding.

Q8. Private corporate and public sectors were the _____________ sectors, financing their deficits from the _______________ savings of the household sector.

A.proven, altered

B.premium, stiffed

C.deficit, surplus

D.steering, operational

E.enable, lever.

Q9. Another area that needs _______________ attention is the financial system, which must be ______________ to lend more.

A hassles, removal

B.arrangement, profitability

C.lost, simplify

D.immediate, activated

E.mixed, average.

Q10. Policymakers were clearly under ______________ to do something to allay the fears of foreign investors, so the _____________ of SEBI's move is no surprise.

A.sober, sorority

B.synchronization, timid

C.options, prioritize

D.demonetization, luckily

E.pressure, timing.

Q11.

I. An erstwhile _________ department in the ministry of commerce, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), was put in _________ of this transformation.

II. A _________ driver was arrested yesterday on a drunk driving ________ on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway.

A.headstrong, arraign

B.lazy, impeach

C.inactive, headlong

D.slumber, contact

E.sleepy, charge

Q12.

I. Economic growth, which had been __________ down for some time but had been given a boost by strong governance reforms was given a demand boost to facilitate __________ acceleration.

II. Forced _________ is when political parties hire PR agencies which __________ employ social media 'influencers' who release the same tweets with the hashtag at a high intensity.

A.trending, further

B.trading, more

C.hover, advance

D.shot, progress

E.going, reduce

Q13.

I. India did not have ________ targeting then and so was able to deal with the shocks ________ than many countries.

II. ________ remains below targets for many Central Bank; and is generally set to stay that way in the year ahead even though the world economy in general is set to do much ________ in 2018.

A.consumed, more

B.inflation, better

C.reduced, enhanced

D.deflation, good

E.prices, honed

Q14.

I. U.S. consumer confidence jumped to a near 17-year high in October, with households ________ about the labor market and business ________ , which could underpin consumer spending and boost the economy.

II. The services sector was the most ________ about business prospects in over three years with about 9 per cent of firms expecting more favourable business ________ in the October to March period.

A.downtrodden, environment

B.vulnerable, situation

C.regular, placid

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D.upbeat, conditions
E.optimism, excellent

Q15.

I. Should quarterly growth ________ and BJP make gains in serial state elections it would salvage lost ________ , indicating a positive shift in perceptions.

II. We expect crude oil to ________ to USD 65 per barrel alongwith commodities standing their ________ against the temporary headwinds.

A.decline, space
B.increase, floor
C.rebound, ground
D.slip, grip
E.depressed, topsy

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S1. Ans. A
S2.Ans. D
S3.Ans. B
S4.Ans. A
S5.Ans. D
S6.Ans. A
S7.Ans. B
S8.Ans. C
S9.Ans. D
S10.Ans. E
S11. Ans. E
S12.Ans. A
S13.Ans. B
S14.Ans. D
S15.Ans. C

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 85

1. Ukraine's ambassador to the United Nations, Sergiy Kyslytsya, claimed to have ________ an exchange of messages between a Russian soldier and his mother moments before the young man was killed in action.

A. hoard
B. surrendered
C. jostled
D. accessed
E. None of these

2. Ilker Ayci has ______ down the Tata Group's offer to be CEO and Managing Director of Air India.

A. set
B. turned
C. broke
D. bogged
E. None of these

3. After using drones, copters and satellite phones to locate illegal liquor manufacturing units in Bihar, the State government has decided to give some relief to tipplers by not sending them to jail if they _____ information about
bootleggers and the source of their supply.

A. provides
B. repudiate
C. allocate
D. shroud
E. None of these

4. India is steadily _______ ahead in its growth ambitions.

A. marching
B. pass
C. keeping
D. recessing
E. None of these

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5. There’s been a rise in lending by commercial
banks in recent months. This has come after nearly two years of ______
banking operations due to the covid-19 pandemic.

A. excellent
B. empathic
C. dismal
D. irrefutable
E. None of these

6. We are going to come out with a policy for regional airlines and for helicopters to make them more ________, pervasive, and to provide that last mile connectivity, said Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

A. economically
B. economical
C. lavish
D. intrepid
E. None of these

7. The world faces unavoidable multiple climate hazards over the next two decades with global warming of 1.5 °C, and even temporarily _______ this warming level would mean additional, severe impacts, some of which will be
irreversible.

A. preventing
B. diminish
C. preceding
D. exceeding
E. None of these

8. Gujarat's Manish Dave, 52, has won hearts for opening his restaurant door to Kyiv residents facing an _________ crisis as Russia ups its offensive against Ukraine.

A. unique
B. unprecedented
C. novel
D. ordinary
E. None of these

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9. The ICC Women's 50-over Cricket World Cup starts in New Zealand on Friday. The eightnation event was originally _______ for early 2021 but was postponed due to the pandemic.

A. scheduled
B. planning
C. organize
D. hoaxed
E. None of these

10. There has been a mass ______ of workers from the villages to the towns.

A. exalt
B. depart
C. exodus
D. felicitation
E. None of these

11.

I. Ukraine has _______ the requirement of visas for foreigners who wish to join the country's forces against Russian troops.

II. The government has ______ interstate transmission charges on renewable energy even if bought and sold over the energy exchanges.

A. waved
B. fled
C. possess
D. waived
E. None of these

12.

I. Money from the sale of the house was _______ to each of the children.

II. Indian ultra-high net worth individuals (UHNWI), those having net worth of USD 30 million (about Rs 226 crore) and above, _______ 11 per cent of their investable wealth towards luxury items like art, jewellery, classic cars, watches and handbags, according to Knight Frank.

A. allocating
B. allocated
C. distribute

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D. captivated
E. None of these

13.

I. As many as 15,655 farmers in four districts — Rewari, Mahendragarh, Charkhi Dadri and Bhiwani — have sought ________for their crop loss due to hailstorm and inundation owing to unseasonal rain last week.

II. ________ for lost or damaged mail will be handled by the postal service.

A. compensation
B. permission
C. Reimbursed
D. penalty
E. None of these

14.

I. An RSP-backed trade union has ______ the Narendra Modi government to bring more people under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation by amending existing rules — a demand which, if accepted, will double the number of EPF beneficiaries across the country.

II. The association ______ the minister to remove the condition and restore the old system of submitting the running bond to Customs and their deducting the duty foregone amount from the Bond, which will be also system-oriented and
there would not be any hassle to the exporting units.

A. requests
B. reprimanded
C. urged
D. protested
E. None of these

15.

I. An Indian student was killed in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, the country's secondlargest city that is being _______ by heavy shelling by Russian forces.

II. Nishank _______ a fist on the table and made a loud sound that was most likely a curse on his planet.

A. punished

B. pounded
C. hurt
D. smashes
E. None of these

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1. Answer: D

; accessed

In the sentence, the Ukrainian ambassador to the UN has claimed that there was a talk between a Russian soldier and his mother before he was killed during fight between Russia and Ukraine.

Here, ‘accessed’ is the correct word signifying the permission or reach to talk over messages between the two people. We need a past participle, so option A is eliminated. Other words are contextually incorrect. So, option D is correct answer.

Hoard (v) – stock, accumulate, save
Surrender (v) – quit, waive, succumb
Jostle (v) – compete, fight, jolt
Access (v) – gain, reach, get

2. Answer: B

; turned

Turn down – reject something offered or proposed
Set down – record something in writing
Break down – to stop working; to lose control of your feelings and start crying
Bog down – to cause (something) to sink in wet ground

In the sentence, it is given that Ilker Ayci has refused to accept the offer of becoming CEO and Managing Director of Air India. So, option B is correct answer.

3. Answer: C

; allocate

In the sentence, the state govt. of Bihar has decided to grant relief to some of the habitual drinkers if they provide information about the illicit liquor dealers and the source from where they supply the liquor. We need a verb in

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its base form. Option A is singular verb whereas we need a plural verb. Options B and D are contextually incorrect. Only 'allocate' is correct grammatically and contextually. So, option C is the correct answer.

Allocate (v) – administer, distribute, share

Repudiate (v) – reject, refuse, disaffirm

Shroud (n) – covering, shelter

4. Answer: A

; marching

Marching ahead – advancing, moving forward Keep ahead – doing enough of a task in order to remain ahead of schedule; monitor a situation

Recessing – to bring to a formal close for a period of time; suspending, dispersing

According to the sentence, India is slowly advancing forward according to its growth ambitions. So, marching is the correct word here. We need a present participle. So, option A is the correct answer.

5. Answer: C

; dismal

According to the context, it is said that due to inferior banking operations in the times of covid- 19 pandemic, lending by commercial banks has increased. For signifying 'poor' banking operations, we need an adjective in the blank. All the words are adjective but only 'dismal' is contextually correct.

Empathic (adj) – showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another; compassionate, sensitive

Irrefutable (adj) – undeniable, unquestionable, and undisputable

Dismal (adj) – poor, inferior, unsatisfactory

Opposite – excellent

6. Answer: B

; economical

In the sentence, it is given that the Civil Aviation Minister has said that the ministry is making a policy for domestic airlines and helicopters to become fit at budget and widespread for all people so that it gives connectivity between the network and travellers. We need an adjective signifying 'inexpensive' so that it could be prevalent to all.

'Economically' is an adverb. 'Lavish' is contextually incorrect as if flights get lavish then it will eventually be expensive for middle men.

'Intrepid' is also contextually incorrect. So, option B is the correct answer.

Intrepid (adj) – extremely brave

7. Answer: D

; exceeding

In the sentence, it is said that the world is facing multiple climate hazards for about two decades or more and exceeding in warming level will result into irreparable damage. 'Preventing' is contextually incorrect as here it is not talking about any halt or stop on anything. 'Diminish' is also incorrect contextually because if there is an irreversible damage then we can identify that the temperature is rising. 'Preceding' means former that is also contextually incorrect. Only 'exceeding' is the correct word here. So, option D is the correct answer.

8. Answer: B

; unprecedented

'Unprecedented crisis' means a crisis that had never happened before. With indefinite article 'an' we need a word starting with a vowel.

'Unique' is incorrect because when it is pronounced, it gives a consonant sound. Option D is contextually incorrect. So, option B is the correct answer.

9. Answer: A

; scheduled

In the sentence, it is given that the event was planned for early months of 2021 but was postponed because of the ongoing pandemic. Here, v2 will be used that signifies 'plan' or 'schedule'. So, only option A is correct.

Hoax (v) – con, trick, bluff

10. Answer: C

; exodus

In the sentence, the workers have moved from villages to towns. So, for a mass departure, 'exodus' is the correct word. We need a noun in the blank. 'Depart' is a verb. So, the correct answer is option C.

Exalt (v) – extol, glorify, praise

Felicitation (n) – congratulation, salutation

11. Answer: D

; waived

In sentence I, it is said that the foreigners who want to join the country's forces to fight against Russia, Ukraine has dropped the visa requirement for them. In sentence II, the govt. has refrained charges on renewable energy even if it is bought and sold over the energy exchanges. In both the sentences, something is refrained. We need a past participle here. So, 'waived' is the correct answer.

Wave (v) – gesture, flutter
Wave (n) – flow, flood, stream
Fled (v) – escaped, ran away
Possess (v) – hold, own

12. Answer: B

; allocated

In sentence I, money earned from the sale of the house was distributed among children. In sentence II, it is given those UHNW individuals who have net worth of USD 30 million (about Rs 226 crore) and above have allocated 11 per cent of their investable wealth towards luxury items.

The sentences are given in past tense so we need a verb similar to that. In this way, option A is eliminated. Option C is in its base form, hence it is also eliminated. 'Captivated' is contextually incorrect as it mean to attract or allure, so it is also eliminated. Only option B is grammatically and contextually correct. So, the answer is option B.

13. Answer: A

; compensation

In sentence I, the farmers in the 4 districts have asked for compensation for the loss of crops during hailstorm and unseasonal rain. In sentence II, 'permission' cannot be handled. We need a noun that mentions the reimbursement for the loss or damage of mails. So, only option A is correct grammatically and contextually. The answer is option A.

Compensation (n) – repayment, reimbursement Opposite – penalty

14. Answer: C

; urged

In sentence I, the trade union has requested the Modi govt. to bring more people under EPFO by amending current rules, which will double the number of beneficiaries under EPFO across the country.

In sentence II, the association has urged the minister to remove the condition and restore the old method of submitting running bond to customs.

We need a past participle and V2 in the blanks respectively. Urged is grammatically and contextually correct that means requested. So, the answer is option C.

Reprimanded (v) – blamed, scolded

Protested (v) – complained, disagreed

15. Answer: B

; pounded

In sentence I, it is given that an Indian student was killed in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, the city that is being struck or pounded by heavy shelling and bombing by Russian forces.

In sentence II, it is said that a person Nishank stamped his fist on the table and that made a loud sound. The sentence is given in past tense so we need a verb is past tense. Option A is incorrect as there is no information if anyone is being punished. Options C & D are incorrect according to sentence II. Only 'pounded' is correct in both the blanks. So, the answer is option B.

Pounded (v) – smashed, hurt, beaten, struck

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Directions (1-10): In the following questions, a word has been given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the sentence/s in which the emboldened word fits correctly.

1. Prompt

I. There are many emergencies which need ______ first aid treatment.

II. Costly medical education and "casteism" are some of the factors that _______ Indian students to flock to foreign destinations like Ukraine to achieve their doctor dreams.

III. In its judgment on storage of seized narcotics, the apex court had ordered destruction to ______ recirculation.

A. Only I

B. Both I & III

C. Both I & II

D. Only III

E. All I, II & III

2. Persuade

I. If she doesn't want to go, nothing you can say will _______ her.

II. Recently, many questions were raised on social media regarding why Twitter Chief Executive Officer Parag Agrawal had availed of only a small portion of the 20-week paternity ______ his company offers.

III. US has been working towards ________ India to vote with other countries in the UNGA against Russia's aggression on Ukraine but those attempts have failed so far as "we have seen a number of abstentions", top US diplomat Donald Lu said.

A. Both I & III

B. Both II & III

C. Both I and II

D. Only III

E. All I, II & III

3. Convene

I. West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has assured her support to PM Narendra Modi in dealing with the Russia-Ukraine crisis and sought to know if he would _______ an all-party meeting on the matter.

II. Ashneer Grover, the controversial co-founder and managing director of BharatPe, has resigned from the Fintech platform after its board decided to _______ a meeting to discuss actions against him on the basis of a report of an advisory firm.

III. It is expected to be voted on when RNC members _______ again in August.

A. Only I
B. Both I & III
C. Both I and II
D. Only III
E. All I, II & III

4. Servile

I. Some individuals are so ______ that other people take advantage of their submissiveness.

II. I think most of our interaction is an attempt to align the fictions that we build to be able to _______ in the world.

III. We are all humans trying to ________ a pandemic in our own ways.

A. Only II
B. Only I
C. Both I and II
D. Only III
E. All I, II & III

5. Cabal

I. During the past few months, independent rebels have formed a united _____ in order to displace the dictator.

II. Hundreds of workers formed a _______ to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the firm's healthcare plan.

III. The matchup, aired on ESPN and NBC, became the most-viewed golf event in ________ TV history, and the highest-rated golf broadcast on network TV in 30 years.

A. Both I & II
B. Both I & III
C. Only I
D. Only III

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E. All I, II & III

6. Elusive

I. He gave the question some thought before responding with an _______ and general answer.

II. After searching for a job for six months with no leads, Marvin started to believe employment was _______.

III. Nor has any obscure, mysterious, or ________ point in history been cleared up by the spirits.

A. Only I
B. Only III
C. Both I and III
D. Only II
E. All I, II & III

7. Ordnance

I. The ________ would not just extend to union workers, but all service and hospitality workers.

II. It contains complete arms for 40,000 men, and there is also a quantity of heavy ________

III. A day after two hand grenades and other ammunition were found in the toilet of a locked house in Sector 31, police wrote to the defence headquarters in Delhi and three _______ factories in the country seeking details of the munitions.

A. Only I
B. Both I & III
C. Both II and III
D. Only III
E. All I, II & III

8. Felicitate

I. The _______ ritual was directed mainly at inducing the spirit of the dead person to go on to the afterworld.

II. Team India head Coach Rahul Dravid ________ former India skipper Virat Kohli as the 33-year-old reached the 100th Test landmark in Mohali.

III. A _______ and award ceremony was held at St Fidelis College, Vikasnagar, on Thursday to welcome the UP State Republic Day Parade NCC Contingent

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on return from Delhi.

A. Only II

B. Both I & II

C. Both II and III

D. Only II

E. All I, II & III

9. Pave

I. They put their own lives in _____ to rescue their friends.

II. Data shared by the Railways and local transport departments are used in various applications to ______the schedule of buses and trains that help citizens plan their travel.

III. The draft India Data Accessibility and Use Policy, released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), can ______ the way for a radical change in sharing public data for the greater good.

A. Only I

B. Both I & III

C. Both I and II

D. Only III

E. All I, II & III

10. Surge

I. Oil prices ______ on Tuesday, driven up by concerns over supply disruption because of the Ukraine crisis and sanctions against Russia, while talks over a coordinated global crude stocks release failed to calm fears of potential shortages.

II. A wave of deaths among Hong Kong's under vaccinated elderly has pushed the city's fatality rate to the highest in the developed world, ramping up pressure on officials to get the outbreak under control as cases continue to ______.

III. Skoda Auto India reported an over five-fold ______ in sales to 4,503 units last month, riding on the success of its mid-sized SUV Kushaq.

A. Only I

B. Both I & III

C. Both I and II

D. Only III

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E. All I, II & III

11.

I. If price _____ continue, people will not be able to afford the new houses they want.

II. There were large _______ on top of the railings to stop people climbing over them.

A. barrels

B. plummets

C. spike

D. spikes

E. None of these

12.

I. The Chinese government ________ the Tibetan Buddhist statue Padmasambhava, built six years ago to stamp out the Tibetans' religious traditions.

II. The town hopes to restore the old theater rather than have it _______.

A. demolished

B. inaugurated

C. supervised

D. revamped

E. None of these

13.

I. Former US President Donald Trump has said Taiwan will be _______ by China next as 'President Xi is watching with glee' the developments of the Russia-Ukraine front.

II. Western nations have steadily ratcheted up sanctions on Russia since it _______ Ukraine last week, including shutting out some Russian banks from the SWIFT global financial network.

A. joined

B. ambush

C. invaded

D. criticize

E. None of these

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I. Japan, the US and the UK have _______ economic sanctions on Russia, while India has refrained from directly criticizing Moscow for its actions.

II. The government has _______ quotas on the export of timber.

A. imposed

B. questioned

C. raise

D. thrilled

E. None of these

15.

I. As India-Pakistan tensions and the land border closure post-COVID hold up all religious pilgrimages between the two countries, a group of 22 members of the Jain faith have _______ to the Union Home Ministry to allow them to go to Pakistan to visit a shrine that has been restored after decades.

II. Madhyamam Broadcasting Limited _______ to the Supreme Court against the Kerala High Court verdict upholding the government's decision not to renew the licence of its TV channel, MediaOne.

A. alleged

B. bagged

C. sued

D. appealed

E. None of these

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1. Answer: C

; Both I & II

In sentence III, 'prompt' is incorrect because in the sentence, the court has ordered dismantling of narcotics so that they couldn't be circulated in near future.

Prompt (adj) – rapid, quick

Prompt (v) – evoke, elicit, induce

In sentence I, there are emergencies which need rapid first aid. In sentence II, Indian students go to foreign destinations like Ukraine, because of Costly medical education and "casteism" in India, to achieve their dreams. So

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option C is the correct answer.
I – There are many emergencies which need prompt first aid treatment.
II – Costly medical education and "casteism" are some of the factors that prompt Indian students to flock to foreign destinations like Ukraine to achieve their doctor dreams.

2. Answer: A

; Both I & III
In sentence II, it should be 'leave'.
I – If she doesn't want to go, nothing you can say will persuade her.
III – US has been working towards persuading India to vote with other countries in the UNGA against Russia's aggression on Ukraine but those attempts have failed so far as "we have seen a number of abstentions", top US diplomat Donald Lu said.
Persuade (v) – induce, convince, lure

3. Answer: E

; All I, II & III
In sentence I, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has assured her support to PM Narendra Modi in dealing with the Russia- Ukraine crisis and raised a question if he wants to meet on the matter.
In sentence II, Ashneer Grover, the controversial co-founder and managing director of BharatPe, has resigned from the Fintech platform after its board decided to assemble a meeting to discuss the actions against him.
In sentence III, it is said that it is expected that there will be voting when RNC members meet in August.
Convene (v) – meet, assemble, gather The word fits in all the blanks. So, option E is the correct answer.

4. Answer: B

; only I
In sentence I, it is given that some people are so humble or obedient that others take their advantage.
In sentence II, it is said that most of our interaction is an attempt to make us survive in this world. Here, 'servile' cannot be used in the sentence.
In sentence III, it is given that the humans are trying to live in this pandemic in our own ways.

Here also, ‘servile’ cannot be used. So, option B is the correct answer.
Servile (adj) – slavish, cringing; humble I – Some individuals are so servile that other people take advantage of their submissiveness.

5. Answer: A

; Both I & II

In sentence I, it is given that the rebels have formed a united gang with an aim to displace the dictator.

In sentence II, it is given that hundreds of workers have formed a group or gang to show their dissatisfaction with the firm’s healthcare plan.

In sentence III, the context is given about cable TV history, so, here ‘cabal’ cannot be used. So, the answer is option A.

Cabal (n) – a small group of people who plan secretly to take action, especially political action; gang, mob

I – During the past few months, independent rebels have formed a united cabal in order to displace the dictator.

II – Hundreds of workers formed a cabal to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the firm’s healthcare plan.

6. Answer: D

; only II

In sentences I & III, ‘illusive’ will be used. In sentence I, difficult and general cannot be used simultaneously. Similarly, in sentence III, it is said that no mysterious and illusive point has been cleared up by the spirits.

In sentence II, it is given that in spite of searching a job for six months, Marvin didn’t get a job, so he started to believe that getting an employment is difficult. The word fits only in sentence II. So, the correct answer is option D.

Elusive (adj) – difficult to find, achieve.

Illusive (adj) – deceptive, false

II – After searching for a job for six months with no leads, Marvin started to believe employment was elusive.

7. Answer: C

; Both II and III

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In sentence I, it is said the law or rule would extend to union workers and all service and hospitality workers also. So, 'ordinance' will be used here instead of 'ordnance'.

In sentence II, 'ordnance' will be used as it is given that the ordnance contains complete weapons for 40000 men and also a huge quantity of heavy weapons.

In sentence III, it is given that the police wrote a letter to the defence headquarters in Delhi and 3 factories of weapons in order to get details of the weapons that were seized in the toilet of a locked house in Sector 31. The word 'ordnance' fits only in II and III sentences. So, the correct answer is option C.

Ordnance (n) – artillery, weapons, missiles

Ordinance (n) – law, rule, command

II – It contains complete arms for 40,000 men, and there is also a quantity of heavy ordnance.

III – A day after two hand grenades and other ammunition were found in the toilet of a locked house in Sector 31, police wrote to the defence headquarters in Delhi and three ordnance factories in the country seeking details of the munitions.

8. Answer: C

; Both II and III

In sentence I, for dead person, 'cremation' is the correct word. 'Felicitate' cannot be used here.

Felicitate (v) – congratulate, salute, compliment.

In sentence II, Virat Kohli was complimented for reaching the 100th test achievement. In sentence III, a ceremony for felicitation was organized to welcome the UP State Republic Day Parade NCC Contingent on return from Delhi. So, option C is the correct answer.

II – Team India head coach Rahul Dravid felicitated former India skipper Virat Kohli as the 33-year-old reached the 100th Test landmark in Mohali.

III – A felicitation and award ceremony was held at St Fidelis College, Vikasnagar, on Thursday to welcome the UP State Republic Day Parade NCC Contingent on return from Delhi.

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9. Answer: D

; Only III

In sentence I, the context tells that some friends put their own live in danger/peril to save their friends. So, 'pave' cannot be used here in the blank.

In sentence II, the context tells that the data shared by the Railways and local transport departments are used to provide or facilitate schedule to the citizens so that they can plan their trip and travel. So, 'pave' cannot be used here in the blank.

Pave (v) – cover, concrete

In sentence III, it is given that the draft released by MeitY can make the way for a revolutionary change in sharing of public data. So, option D is the correct answer.

III – The draft India Data Accessibility and Use Policy, released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), can pave the way for a radical change in sharing public data for the greater good.

10. Answer: E

; All I, II & III

Surge (v) – overflow, rise, erupt, increase suddenly

In sentence I, oil prices have increased due to ongoing Ukraine-Russia war and sanctions on Russia.

In sentence II, a flow of deaths among Hong

Kong's under vaccinated elderly has hit the city's fatality rate to the highest in the developed world that has out officials under pressure to control the outbreak as cases are rising.

In sentence III, Skoda Auto India reported an increase in sales to 4,503 units last month. So, the word 'surge' fits all the blanks. Option E is the correct answer.

11. Answer: D

; spikes

In sentences I & II, we need a plural noun. In sentence I, it is said that if price continues to rise then people will not be able to buy new houses. And in sentence II, it is given that there were large pointed piece of metal on top of the railings to stop people climbing over railings.

‘Barrels’ and ‘plummets’ are contextually incorrect. Only option D is correct both grammatically and contextually.

Barrel (n) – drum, vessel
Plummet (v) – collapse, drop down
Spike (n) – thorn, spine, nail

12. Answer: A

; demolished

In both the sentences, it is given that something is being destroyed. In sentence I, the Chinese govt. destroyed the statue which was built six years ago and in sentence II, the town people want the old theatre to be restores rather than demolished. Only ‘demolished’ is suitable in both the blanks. So, option A is the correct answer.

Inaugurated (v) – initiate, launch
Supervised (v) – oversaw, manage
Revamp (v) – renovate, rebuild

13. Answer: C

; invaded

In sentence I, it is said that according to former US president, Taiwan will be invaded by China and in sentence II, many western nations have raised sanctions on Russia as it invaded Ukraine last week. Option A is eliminated as nothing has been joined here. ‘Ambush’ is grammatically incorrect. ‘Criticize’ is contextually and grammatically incorrect. Only ‘invaded’ is correct. So, option C is the correct answer.

Ambush (v) – trap, attack by surprise
Invade (v) – capture, seize, attack

14. Answer: A

; imposed

In sentence I, the three nations have levied economic sanctions on Russia, while India has not been responding directly to Moscow for its actions. In sentence II, the govt. has imposed quotas on the export of timber. We need a past participle. In this way, option C is eliminated. Option B, ‘questioned’ is contextually incorrect. Option D is also contextually incorrect. Only ‘imposed’ is correct both grammatically and contextually. So, the answer is option A.

Imposed (v) – levied, forced

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Thrilled (v) – excited

15. Answer: D

; appealed

In sentence I, the Jain faith is appealing the Union Home Ministry to allow them to go to Pakistan to visit shrine that has been reinstated after years.

In sentence II, a broadcasting company has begged the SC against a verdict.

In both the sentences, a request has been made, so, ‘appealed’ is correct. ‘Sued’ is incorrect as it is followed by ‘to’ in both the sentences which is incorrect grammatically. So, the correct answer is option D.

Appealed (v) – pleaded, sued, begged

Alleged (v) – claimed, accused

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Directions- (1-5): Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1) On December 30, Prime Minister Narendra modi launched a hash tag (#IndiaSupportsCAA) on Twitter ____________ the whole country with his government and those who support the CAA. If India supports the CAA, are those protesting tens of thousands out on the streets not Indian?

A. Criticizing
B. Enormous
C. Conflating
D. Comparing
E. None of the above.

2) To act as a _________________ force against an expansive China, the US, Japan, Australia and India formed the Quad.

A. Contrast
B. Countervailing
C. Liquidity
D. Murky
E. None of the above.

3) Marico's biggest achievement isn't the profits or turnover or popularity. It's breaking new ground despite competing ____________ with multinationals.

A. Bib and tucker
B. Neck and neck
C. Nip and tuck
D. Both b and c
E. None of the above

4) My commitment to the sport will never change __________ of the outcome towards the award, but getting it will greatly benefit the sport,

A. Despite

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B. Therefore
C. Irrespective
D. Determined
E. None of the above

5) Both the Congress and BJP claim _________________ that they do not differentiate between caste Hindus and the Dalits. The fact is they both do.

A. Vociferously
B. Angrily
C. Arguments
D. Neatly
E. None of the above

Directions- (6-10): In the following questions there are two sentences are given with blank. You have to identify a correct preposition from the options for the given two sentences.

6)

(i) Then the groups will be compared on whether those who have received the additional treatment show measurably improved markers ______ inflammation or cell-injury.

(ii) She had applied for funding from the DST in a response to an open call ________ applications to fund projects to develop COVID-19 relevant therapies, drugs and interventions.

A. For
B. By
C. From
D. Of
E. None of the above

7)

(i) The Parliament on Monday passed a Bill to increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74% ______ the Lok Sabha approving the proposed law by a voice vote.

(ii) The clinical trial, formally registered ________ the Indian Council of Medical Research’s (ICMR) clinical trial registry (a compulsory requirement for human trials), aims to recruit 20 COVID-19 patients with “moderate symptoms”.

A. By

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B. At

C. In

D. With

E. From

8)

(i) A state had reported 533 cases, after which the fresh case count remained _____ 500 and gradually touched 58-mark in February.

(ii) Gold prices today slipped ________ the key Rs.45,000 level in Indian markets while silver rates tumbled amid weak global cues.

A. Under

B. Below

C. In

D. Beneath

E. Over

9)

(i) The possibility of foreign ministers of both countries meeting ________ the sideline of the Heart of Asia conference in Dushanbe later this month.

(ii) The findings of the study _______ over Rs.4000 contacts of covid-19 positive patients may help the central government further fine tune its vaccination and contact tracing strategy.

A. At

B. Above

C. Upon

D. In

E. On

10)

(i) By investing Rs.60,000 crore, less polluting fuel BS6 technology vehicles have been introduced, _______ having electric two, three and four wheelers which are bringing down the pollution levels

(ii) It advised such security audits on a regular basis ________ taking all actions as per their recommendations.

A. With

B. Besides

C. Beside

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D. And

E. Beyond

Directions (11-15): In each of the following sentences there is one blank. You are required to choose the correct word from the given options to make sentence grammatically correct and meaningfully complete.

11) A truck driver in Jammu & Kashmir was rescued by a Border Road Organizations (BRO) team after an __________, as per reports.

A. Anomalous

B. Avalanche

C. Ensconce

D. Ambivalent

E. Imbroglio

12) Former home minister quotes the court order to argue that __________and cooperative federalism will fail if Centre has overriding powers.

A. Pragmatic

B. Abstinent

C. Asymptomatic

D. Undemocratic

E. Prophylactic

13) In the school the headmaster appeared dangerous, but in reality, she was really _____________.

A. Altruistic

B. Innocuous

C. Conscientious

D. Slapdash

E. Deceitful

14) The ongoing tussle between U.S.-based ecommerce giant Amazon and Future Retail has been ____________ fought over different courts.

A. Discriminately

B. Interpretatively

C. Fiercely

D. Dispassionately

E. Inquisitively

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15) A group of Indian-American frontline healthcare workers __________ in the Green Card backlog held a demonstration in front of the U.S. Capitol.

A. Exhilarating
B. Bootstrapping
C. Strikebreaking
D. Countermarching
E. Languishing

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Directions- (1-5):

1) Answer: C

Conflating (combining two or more text or ideas into one and putting them in confusion), enormous (huge)

2) Answer: B

Countervailing (offsetting an effect by countering it with something of equal force), murky (unclear)

3) Answer: C

Neck-and-neck/nip and tuck (very close in a competition) Bib and tucker (fine clothes),

4) Answer: C

Irrespective (without regard for consequences) is the correct usage.

5) Answer: A

Vociferously (energetically and with loudness)

Directions- (6-10):

6) Answer: A

FOR: - used to indicate the place someone or something is going to or toward

(i) Then the groups will be compared on whether those who have received the additional treatment show measurably improved markers for inflammation or cellinjury.

(ii) She had applied for funding from the DST in a response to an open call for applications to fund projects to develop COVID-19 relevant therapies, drugs and interventions.

7) Answer: D

WITH: - used as a function word to indicate a participant in an action, transaction, or arrangement

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(i) The Parliament on Monday passed a Bill to increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74% with the Lok Sabha approving the proposed law by a voice vote.

(ii) The clinical trial, formally registered with the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) clinical trial registry (a compulsory requirement for human trials), aims to recruit 20 COVID-19 patients with "moderate symptoms".

8) Answer: B

BELOW: - by a lower rank or number

(i) A state had reported 533 cases, after which the fresh case count remained below 500 and gradually touched 58-mark in February (ii) Gold prices today slipped below the key Rs.45,000 level in Indian markets while silver rates tumbled amid weak global cues.

9) Answer: E

ON: - used as a function word to indicate the location of something and indicate origin

(i) The possibility of foreign ministers of both countries meeting on the sideline of the Heart of Asia conference in Dushanbe later this month.

(ii) The findings of the study on over 4000 contacts of covid-19 positive patients may help the central government further fine tune its vaccination and contact tracing strategy.

10) Answer: B

Besides: - Other than, Except, Together with

(i) By investing Rs.60,000 crore, less polluting fuel BS6 technology vehicles have been introduced, besides having electric two, three and four wheelers which are bringing down the pollution levels

(ii) It advised such security audits on a regular basis besides taking all actions as per their recommendations.

Directions (11-15):

11) Answer: B

A truck driver in Jammu & Kashmir was rescued by a Border Road Organizations (BRO) team after an avalanche, as per reports.

Avalanche - a large mass of snow, ice, earth, rock, or other material in swift motion down a mountainside or over a precipice.

12) Answer: A

Former home minister quotes the court order to argue that pragmatic and cooperative federalism will fail if Centre has overriding powers.
Pragmatic- dealing with problems in a practical way rather than by following ideas or principles

13) Answer: B

In the school the headmaster appeared dangerous, but in reality, she was really innocuous.
Innocuous- producing no injury, harmless.

14) Answer: C

The ongoing tussle between U.S.-based ecommerce giant Amazon and Future Retail has been fiercely fought over different courts.
Fiercely- in a frightening, violent, or powerful way

15) Answer: E

A group of Indian-American frontline healthcare workers languishing in the Green Card backlog held a demonstration in front of the U.S. Capitol.
Languishing- to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation, often for a long time.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 88

Directions (1-5): Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1) The ambitious farm loan waiver scheme of the government in Karnataka has been _________temporarily by the Election Commission after the model code of conduct came into force ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

A. Clogged
B. Blocked
C. Stalled
D. Excites
E. Fetched

2) The rights of children caught in the middle of an ugly divorce or a custody battle between parents need specific _________.

A. Calculation
B. Absorption
C. Treatment
D. Commission
E. Articulation

3) The harried pilots of Jet Airways, which is on the _________of shuttering operations, have now approached Spice Jet seeking employment.

A. Corner
B. Brink
C. Discussion
D. Dialogue
E. Speech

4) The largest airline has been facing _________shortage of cockpit crew, leading to cancellation of hundreds of its flights last month.

A. Moderate
B. Usual
C. Temperate
D. Standard

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E. Acute

5) Forty animals, including five lions, are to be rescued from _________conditions in the wartorn area, an animal welfare group said.

A. Squalid

B. Sparkling

C. Fresh

D. Conservator

E. Pleasant

Directions (6-10): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below the sentence there are options with one word each. Fill up the blanks with words which make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

6) The Congress named Mr. Gandhi on its first list as its candidate for Amethi in Uttar Pradesh. And then the demand by the party units in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu that he _____ from these States too.

A. Participate

B. Contest

C. Available

D. Nominate

E. None of these.

7) The BJP has been winning several seats in the State election after election. Though the Congress was in power in the State, the BJP did better than it in the LokSabha elections of 1996, 1998 and 1999. Eleven seats in 2009 were the best________ of the Congress after 1984.

A. Performance

B. Interaction

C. Variation

D. Instalment

E. All of the above

8) In December 2018, J&J filed a petition in Delhi High Court challenging the CDSCO's measures for compensation. The High Court did not _____in the matter as the Supreme Court was already looking into a public interest litigation on the faulty implants.

A. Conclude

B. Perform

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C. Interfere
D. Present
E. None of these

9) The project is facing resistance from several quarters, including fishermen and residents of Breach Candy, Peddar Road and Malabar Hill where the new road will alter localities as well as the____. Fishermen have already moved the Bombay High court seeking a stay on the reclamation work.

A. Seashore
B. Surroundings
C. Buildings
D. Coastline
E. None of these

10) The direction came in _______ to a Right to Information request to the Chief Commissioner of Customs in Amritsar, asking for information on officers caught, convicted or jailed for smuggling over the last 10 years.

A. Response
B. Support
C. Chance
D. View
E. None of these

Directions (11-14): In each of the following questions two sentences are given with a blank. You are required to fill both the sentences with the same word in order to make the sentences contextually correct and meaningful.

11) The military man had hundreds of thousands of troops at his command; it was easy for him to _____________ the innocent town people and steal their belongings. In order to be a leader, you must first _________ your people by any means necessary.

A. Foist
B. Subjugate
C. Wrest
D. Thrall
E. None of the above

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12) Besides being annoying, the mosquito is a __________ insect that can transmit a number of potentially deadly diseases. You may avoid getting sick so often by repeatedly washing your hands to eliminate ____________ bacteria and viruses.

A. Pernicious

B. Imperil

C. Virulent

D. Noxious

E. None of the above

13) The ________ advantage of using coupons and vouchers is the ability to save money. Since Narendra Modi has over eighty percent of the votes, it is an ________ fact that he is our new prime minister.

A. Verity

B. Consolidated

C. Indubitable

D. Obsolete

E. None of the above

14) Every time my ____________ granddaughter comes to my room, she brings me a cup of tea with her cheery smile on her elegant face. When the ________ girl came through the school's door on her very first day of kindergarten, she spoke with every student and everyone liked her.

A. Vehement

B. Spunky

C. Zeal

D. Vivacious

E. None of the above

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Directions (16-20):

1) Answer: C

Stalled means delayed/ slowed down, which is correct in the context. So, option C is the correct answer.

2) Answer: E

Articulation is the correct option, which means Expression /Vocalization.

3) Answer: B

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Brink is the correct option which means edge/verge.

4) Answer: E

Acute is the correct option which means Severe/Critical.

5) Answer: A

Squalid is the correct option, which means Filthy/Dirty.

Directions (21-25):

6) Answer: B

Contest: An event in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity.

7) Answer: A

Performance: An action or process of performing a task or function

8) Answer: C

Interfere: Intervene in a situation without necessity

9) Answer: D

Coastline: The land along a coast

10) Answer: A

Response: A reaction to something

Directions (26-29):

11) Answer: B

The correct word that will fit in both the blanks is- subjugate
Subjugate-bring under domination or control, esp. by conquest
Wrest- to forcefully take something away
Foist- to compel a person or group to accept something that is not wanted
Thrall- the state of being under the control of another person

12) Answer: D

The correct word that will fit in both the blanks is- Noxious
Noxious- harmful
Pernicious- highly injurious or destructive
Virulent- highly dangerous and deadly, usually spreading very quickly
Imperil- to be in danger of something or someone

13) Answer: C

The correct word that will fit in both the blanks is- Indubitable
Indubitable- without doubt; undisputable
Verity- the condition of being real or true.

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Consolidated- to bring together (separate parts) into a single or unified whole.
Obsolete- no longer produced or used; out of date.

14) Answer: D

The correct word that will fit in both the blanks is- Vivacious
Vivacious- to be bubbly and energetic
Zeal- eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something
Spunky- courageous and full of spirit
Vehement- deeply felt; passionate

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 89

Directions (1-4):- ***In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with a blank. Identify the correct phrasal verb that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.***

1) The traditional Shigmo festivities in the temples will be allowed to continue but the hosts should __________ the Covid-19 restrictions.

A. Carry through
B. Abide by
C. Back off
D. Set out
E. None of these

2) The scheme ___________ this month, a small-city initiative in a vast country that faces ever-worsening pollution.

A. Kicked off
B. Carry on
C. Make out
D. Nod off
E. None of these

3) Hospitals giving wrong information or __________ COVID-19 patients despite beds being available will face action, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Saturday.

A. Turning up
B. Turning out
C. Turning away
D. Warding off
E. None of these

4) The Chinese hacking group, which Microsoft calls Hafnium, appears to have been ___________ private and government computer networks through the company's popular Exchange email software for a number of months.

A. Breaking into
B. Breaking down
C. Breaking out
D. Breaking off

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E. None of these

Directions (5-9): In each of the following questions given below; there is a blank which needs to be filled with a phrasal verb from the given options in order to make the sentence coherent and meaningful.

5) Las Vegas is a place to ________ steam and get away from the pressures of daily life.

A. blow away
B. blow up
C. boil down to
D. blow off
E. None of the above

6) Anna approached several builders and was fortunate to ___________Eddie.

A. Come about
B. Come Across
C. Come back
D. Come down
E. None of the above

7) Lots of good people would ________ the cracks without our assistance.

A. fall off
B. fall out
C. Fall through
D. fall for
E. None of the above

8) The criminals know how to play the system and ________ with it.

A. get away
B. get back
C. get along
D. get behind
E. None of the above

9) The present political system is a __________ from the nineteenth century colonial era.

A. hang up
B. Hang over

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C. hang out
D. hang on
E. None of the above

Directions (10-14):- In each of the questions below, two sentences are given with a blank. Identify the correct word that fits in both the sentences to make it grammatically andcontextually correct.

10)

(i) Workers ________ and jeered President Alexander Lukashenko as he visited a factory and strikes grew across Belarus, raising the pressure on the authoritarian leader to step down after 26 years in office

(ii) Kamra was banned from flying after he ________ journalist ArnabGoswami on an IndiGo flight.

A) Heckled
B) Praised
C) Aided
D) Bewitched
E) None of these

11)

(i) The new __________ would go into effect starting Monday and could send many regions, including those surrounding Milan and Rome, into full lockdown.

(ii) The move, set to last until February 17, is necessary 'to protect the people of Germany and to limit the entry and rapid spread of the new virus variants,' according to a government __________.

A) Request
B) Decree
C) Cue
D) Suggestion
E) None of these

12)

(i) The world's largest cryptocurrency has been on a tear this month, _________ by purchases from Musk's Tesla Inc. and institutional investors who say Bitcoin is an attractive alternative to gold and the dollar

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(ii) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the initial growth revival was _________ by demand, but indications now were that growth impulses were now being driven by a pick-up in activity across manufacturing and services

A) Dissuaded
B) Repressed
C) Propelled
D) Pulled
E) None of these

13)

(i) April marks a full year at the _________ for Krishna, who took over as CEO from GinniRometty with plans to focus on artificial intelligence and the cloud to revive growth after years of stagnation

(ii) Counting will be taken up at 55 centres across 38 districts where the outcome will decide the fate of the Nitish Kumar government that has ________ the state for a decade and half

A) Helm
B) Complied
C) Shun
D) Consent
E) None of these

14)

(i) Doyne Farmer and team use a natural sciences tool to find dangers___________ in the financial system

(ii) A gigantic black hole about 100,000 times more massive than the Sun has been discovered _________ in a toxic gas cloud near the heart of the Milky Way Galaxy

A) Coarse
B) Looking
C) Surfing
D) Lurking
E) None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Abide by

(A) Carry through: - to complete something that was planned, often despite difficulties or opposition.
(B) Abide by: - to follow a rule, decision, or instruction.
(C) Back off: - draw back from action or confrontation, withdraw a claim or assertion in the face of opposition.
(D) Set out:-begin a journey.
The traditional Shigmo festivities in the temples would be allowed to be continued but the hosts should abide by the Covid-19 restrictions.

2) Answer: A

Kicked off
(A) Kicked off: - to start / to suddenly become angry or violent / to start a discussion, a meeting, an event, etc.
(B) Carry on: - continue (a conversation, a game)
(C) Make out: - decipher /succeed/ progress
(D) Nod off:-Fall asleep
The scheme kicked off this month, a small-city initiative in a vast country that faces everworsening pollution.

3) Answer: C

Turn away
(A) Turn up: - find unexpectedly /increase the volume or intensity of a TV, radio, or other machine
(B) Turn out: - end up being /switch off a light /produce
(C) Turn away: - refuse to deal with or give service
(D) Ward off: - to prevent something (danger, harm, an attack, an assailant, etc.) from affecting you or harming you.
Hospitals giving wrong information or turning away COVID-19 patients despite beds being available will face action, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Saturday.

4) Answer: A

Break into
(A) Break into: - interrupt/enter a place unlawfully
(B) Break down: - stop working properly/ analyze in detail/become mentally ill
(C) Break out: - appear violently

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(D) Break off: - end something
The Chinese hacking group, which Microsoft calls Hafnium, appears to have been breaking into private and government computer networks through the company's popular Exchange email software for a number of months.

5) Answer: D

Blow away - When the wind moves an object or person from where it was.
Blow up - To make something explode.
Boil down to - To have determined or analyzed the solution or reason for something.
Blow off - When the wind removes something from its place.

6) Answer: B

Come about - When something happens or occurs.
Come Across - The way other people perceive something or someone.
Come back - To return to a place.
Come down - To move from a higher to a lower position or from north to south.

7) Answer: C

Fall off - When something drops to a lower level.
Fall out –a fight or a tussle
Fall through –to fail or not happen
Fall for - When you have an intense attraction to something or someone.

8) Answer: A

Get away – To escape from something.
Get back – To return to a place.
Get along – To have good interactions with others.
Get behind - To learn, work, or progress more slowly than others.

9) Answer: B

Hang up – To hang clothes or an object on a hook, hanger or rod.
Hang over – To give upon request or demand.
Hang out – To hang something, usually wet clothes, to dry.
Hang on - When you hold something, often for support of comfort

10. Answer: A

Heckled
(A) Heckled: - to interrupt a speaker at a public

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meeting with difficult questions or rude comments

(B) Praised: - to say that somebody/something is good and should be admired

(C) Aided: - to help somebody/something

(D) Bewitched: - to attract and interest somebody very much

11. Answer: B

Decree

(A) Request: - to ask for something

(B) Decree: - an official order given by a government, a ruler, etc.

(C) Cue: - an example of how to behave

(D) Suggestion: - putting an idea into a person's mind; giving advice about what to do

(i) The new decree would go into effect starting Monday and could send many regions, including those surrounding Milan and Rome, into full lockdown.

(ii) The move, set to last until February 17, is necessary 'to protect the people of Germany and to limit the entry and rapid spread of the new virus variants,' according to a government decree.

12. Answer: C

Propelled

(A) Dissuaded: - to persuade somebody not to do something

(B) Repressed: - having emotions and desires that he/she does not show or express

(C) Propelled: - to move, drive or push somebody/something forward or in a particular direction

(D) Pulled: - to move something in the direction that is described

(i) The world's largest cryptocurrency has been on a tear this month, propelled by purchases from Musk's Tesla Inc. and institutional investors who say Bitcoin is an attractive alternative to gold and the dollar.

(ii) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the initial growth revival was propelled by demand, but indications now were that growth impulses were now being driven by a pick-up in activity across manufacturing and services.

13. Answer: A

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Helmed
(A) Helmed: - manage, steer
(B) Complied: - to obey an order or request
(C) Shun: - to avoid somebody/something; to keep away from somebody/something
(D) Consent: - to agree to something; to allow something to happen, agreement; permission
(i) April marks a full year at the helm for Krishna, who took over as CEO from GinniRometty with plans to focus on artificial intelligence and the cloud to revive growth after years of stagnation.
(ii) Counting will be taken up at 55 centres across 38 districts where the outcome will decide the fate of the Nitish Kumar government that has helmed the state for a decade and half.

14. Answer: D

Lurking
(A) Coarse: - rude, likely to offend people; having bad manners
(B) Looking: - having the appearance mentioned
(C) Surfing: - the activity of looking at different things on the Internet in order to find something interesting
(D) Lurking: - to wait somewhere secretly especially in order to do something bad or illegal, hiding
(i) Doyne Farmer and team use a natural sciences tool to find dangers lurking in the financial system.
(ii) A gigantic black hole about 100,000 times more massive than the Sun has been discovered lurking in a toxic gas cloud near the heart of the Milky Way Galaxy.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 90

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each that must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and meaningfully correct.

1.

I) A cease-fire treaty helped with the ______________of all parties and allowed the leaders of both sides to move on in peace.

II) The production and performance of the ________ agreement must influence the enforcement procedure.

A. Pacification
B. Incitement
C. Provocation
D. Impeachment
E. None of the above

2.

I) Critics might pan his concerts but never his _________ from drugs and alcohol.

II) The goal is complete _____________ from all mind-altering substances.

A. Tumult
B. Abstention
C. Indulgence
D. Abandon
E. None of the above

3.

I) The job of the defense attorney is to _______his clients and keep them out of jail.

II) The arrogant suspect thought he could easily ___________himself during his testimony.

A. Inculpate

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B. Denounce

C. Exonerate

D. Condemn

E. None of the above

4.

I) Cairo experienced a sudden _____________ of growth that turned it into one of the most densely populated urban areas in the world.

II) A ____________of diesel came from one valve and none from the other.

A. Influx

B. Incursion

C. Espionage

D. Spurt

E. None of the above

5.

I) The police officer was quite ____________as he told the woman about her son's death

II) There was no humor in the principal's _____________face as she talked about the consequences of school bullying.

A. Solemn

B. Flippant

C. Frivolous

D. Jesting

E. None of the above

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Directions; Following are the single fillers with two individual statements which will occupy the same word among the five options, if none of the words fits the context, mark option e as your answer.

6.

I) Markets are _______________ about rising inflation since it could force RBI to raise policy rates, resulting in higher credit cost.

II) His trembling voice while giving a speech on stage clearly showed he was ________________.

A. Plummeted

B. Jittery

C. Playful

D. Solipsism

E. None of the above

7.

I) Record levels of deforestation continue _______________ in the Brazilian Amazon and in May alone, 1,180 square kilometres of the rainforest chopped down, according to official data.

II) Even though the guardian of the child was warned not to abuse the child, he continued the abuse ____________________.

A. Spammed

B. Rejected

C. Unabated

D. Cultivated

E. None of the above

8.

I) India ________________ to a rare series whitewash on Tuesday when a 5-wicket loss in Mount Maunganui ensured that the series ended 3-0 in the host's favour.

II) He ________________ to the injuries in a road accident yesterday.

A. succumbed

B. Witnessed

C. Deliberated

D. Protracted

E. None of the above

9.

I) The UPES has announced scholarships for the children of COVID frontline force, teachers and those who have ____________________ lost their parents due to COVID-19.

II) ________________, IBPS has released less number of vacancies compared to the previous years.

A. Regardless

B. Fortunately

C. Deliberately

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D. Unfortunately

E. None of the above

10.

I) Cyclones in India are occurring more frequently and getting more intense by the rapidly heating Indian Ocean because of global warming, with severe ____________________ for the country, say scientists.

II) There will be serious _________________ with the third wave, if people are not vaccinated with the government recommended vaccine.

A. Forcing

B. Problem

C. Repercussions

D. Imposition

E. None of the above

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

11. INS Talwar was the 'On Scene Coordinator' off Gujarat coast and assisted Support Station 3 (SS3) and Drill Ship Sagar Bhushan, which are now being safely _______________ to Mumbai by ONGC support vessels.

a) Towed after

b) Towed back

c) Carried

d) Transporting

e) None of the above

12. The Consulate General of India here has ___________________ a new drive aimed at upgrading skills and roles of blue-collar workers to the new normal.

a) Introducing

b) Supporter

c) Linked

d) Spearheaded

e) None of the above

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13. There were several eyebrows raised when Gokulam Group of Companies decided to invest in the I-League because at that time all the ________________ of Indian football believed the Indian Super League was the only way forward for Indian football.

a) Connoisseurs
b) Congratulations
c) Cursing
d) Captain
e) None of the above

14. The road from National Highway-37 point to Kalinagar, Part-III's Tukergram-Bokrihawor dyke in Hailakandi district has reportedly been in a ________________ condition for the last many months.

a) Tremendous
b) Jovial
c) Dilapidated
d) Accomplice
e) None of the above

15. In their chase, the hosts were off to a flying start as Guptill and Nicholls shared a 106-run stand before Chahal ______________ Guptill with a beautiful delivery,

a) Laughed
b) Admitted
c) Refused
d) Castled
e) None of the above

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Solutions

1. Answer: A

Pacification – conciliation, appeasement, satisfaction

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of pacification

Hence option A is answer.

Incitement – encouragement, motivation, spur

Impeachment – accusation, indictment, charge

2. Answer: B

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of abstention

Hence option B is answer.

Abstention – abstinence, sobriety, self-denial

Tumult – uproar, commotion, ruckus

Indulgence–desert, forsake, maroon

3. Answer: C

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of exonerate

Hence option C is answer.

Exonerate – acquit, clear, absolve

Inculpate– attack, castigate, criticize

4. Answer: D

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of spurt

Hence option D is answer.

Spurt – surge, burst

Espionage – spying, intelligence

Influx– invasion, raid, foray

5. Answer: A

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of solemn

Hence option A is answer.

Solemn – serious, intense, severe

Flippant, Frivolous, Jesting – teasing, joking, pleasantry

6. Answer: B

jittery(nervous) is the correct answer option , the meaning of other words are plummeted(fall quickly) Solipsism(selfish).

7. Answer: C

unabated(persistent) is the correct answer option, the meaning other words are spammed(Undesired messages)

8. Answer: A

Succumbed(to give up) is the correct answer option, the meaning of other options are witnessed(evidence for something)

Protracted(lasting for a long time)

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9. Answer: D

unfortunately(happening through bad luck, or because of an unfortunate event) is correct, all other options are incorrect.

10. Answer: C

Repercussions (consequences) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect

11. Answer: B

towed back(to pull a vehicle or boat by fixing it to the back of another vehicle or boat) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

12. Answer: D

spearheaded(lead) has+v3 structure has to be followed, all other options are incorrect.

13. Answer: A

Connoisseurs(experts), article 'the' is followed by noun, all other options are incorrect.

14. Answer: C

Dilapidated (in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect) is the correct answer option, the meaning of other words are Jovial(happy) Accomplice(a person who helps another to commit a crime)

15. Answer: D

Castled(bowled at a full length or Yorker), all other options are incorrect.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 91

Directions (1-5): Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1) Gusty winds _________________by heavy rains due to cyclone Tauktae led to several incidents of tree falling and water logging in the twin-city since Monday morning.

a)Engrossed
b)Diffused
c)Accompanied
d)Jocund
e)None of the above

2) A bengal tiger named 'India' was last spotted ___________________ around the front yard of a house in Texas's west Houston neighborhood on Monday morning and has been on the loose since then.

a)Leaking
b)Investigating
c)Narrowing
d)Prowling
e)None of the above

3) In some areas people had to ________________ through knee-deep water, as there were no adequate motor pumps to drain out water.

a)Slip
b)Wade
c)Isolate
d)Dive
e)None of the above

4) On completion of its operations off Gujarat coast, INS Talwar has also been diverted to ___________________ the other three naval ships searching for the missing crew of barge P-305, off Mumbai.

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a)Conjoin
b)Mix
c)Search
d)Accommodate
e)None of the above

5) An improvised explosive device (IED) weighing 10 kg was recovered in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday, with police claiming to have ______________a plan by the militant outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed to carry out an attack.

a)Disbursed
b)Allowed
c)Foiled
d)Uprooted
e)None of the above

Directions (6-10): Each question below has one blank, which indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill the blanks in the sentences to make it meaningfully complete.

6. The march of science and technology _______________ with national goals and societal applications remains slow despite the swift adaptation and adoption of technology

A. Skedaddled
B. Rebuked
C. Concomitant
D. Obdurate
E. None of the above

7. Even as Karnataka is struggling to contain the __________________ spread of coronavirus, the authorities said more than 3,000 people who tested positive in Bengaluru are "untraceable."

A. unprecedented
B. Expected
C. resolved
D. magnitude

E. None of the above

8. Parents who earlier had to think a lot before spending on the sport are now less worried because these scholarships take care of a huge ____________ of training costs,

A. Juggle

B. Caricature

C. Maladroit

D. Chunk

E. None of the above

9. The 2015 Incentive Compensation Plan, formerly known as the 2011 RSU Plan, was __________________ to attract, retain and motivate critical staff and align individual performance with company's objectives.

A. Introduce

B. Rolled out

C. Roll out

D. Rolled in

E. None of the above

10. Logic is often sacrificed at the altar of comedy and entertainment, but the problem with writer-director Abir Sengupta's story is that it's highly _________________ and profoundly silly.

A. Pillage

B. Quiver

C. Preposterous

D. Rustic

E. None of the above

Directions (11-15): Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

11. TRAI's complaint redressal mechanism allows individual telecom subscribers to register complaints with their respective service providers regarding any ________________ commercial communication (voice and SMS)," said Rajan S Mathews, director general, COAI.

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a) Invented
b) Unsolicited
c) Invited
d) Encumbered
e) None of the above

12. Congress now has more work to come up with strategies to capitalise on the issue to ______________ votes in its favour.

a) Sway
b) Punctilious
c) Meticulous
d) Brusque
e) None of the above

13. The Karnataka government on September 6, 2019 approved to rename Hyderabad- Karnataka region of the state as Kalyana Karnataka. The objective behind this move is to do away with any ___________ of colonial nomenclature or connection with the Nizams to refer to the six districts on the north eastern part of the state.

a) Drubbing
b) Snafu
c) Remnants
d) Kerfuffle
e) None of the above

14. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced a ________________ of Rs. 25 lakhs to kin of 43 doctors who died due to covid.

a) Hamstrung
b) Solatium
c) Slovenly
d) Incumbent
e) None of the above

15. Eleven people, including seven children, of the same family were drowned after their vehicle ___________________ into a canal in Pakistan's Punjab province, rescue authorities said.

a) Obliged

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b) Fall
c) Submitted
d) Plunged
e) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: C

accompanied(together with something) is the correct usage, jocund(happy) diffused(spread) engrossed(engulf) doesn't fit contextually.

2) Answer: D

prowling(moving secretly in search of prey) is the correct usage among the options.

3) Answer: B

wade(walk with effort through water) is the correct word among the options.

4) Answer: A

conjoin(to unite) is the correct answer option.

5) Answer: C

foiled(prevent) is the only word which fits contextually, disbursed(distribute) is contextually incorrect.

6. Answer: C

Concomitant (something which is naturally associated with something) is the correct usage, Obdurate (stubborn) Skedaddled (do something hurriedly) and Rebuked (criticized) are contextually incorrect

7. Answer: A

unprecedented (never happened before) is the correct usage, all other options are incorrect.

8. Answer: D

chunk (part of something that has been separated) is the correct option. Caricature (parody) maladroit (awkward) and juggle (change) are contextually incorrect.

9. Answer: B

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was+v3 structure will be followed so rolled out (to introduce especially for widespread sale to the public) is the correct usage and hence roll out and introduce are eliminated.

10. Answer: C

preposterous (foolish) is the correct usage and the hint can be drawn from the conjunction 'and', which takes similar parts of speech as well as meaning, so silly and preposterous are synonymous and hence the answer. Quiver (tremble) rustic (rural) and pillage (steal) are contextually incorrect.

11. Answer: B

Unsolicited (not requested/invited) is the correct usage, encumbered(burdensome) all other options don't fit contextually.

12. Answer: A

sway(influence) is the correct usage, punctilious/meticulous(attention to detail) brusque(rude behavior) are all incorrect contextually.

13. Answer: C

remnants(remaining portion of something)is correct usage, snafu(chaos) kerfuffle(fight) drubbing(defeat) are all incorrect contextually.

14. Answer: B

solatium(compensation) is the correct usage, hamstrung(block) slovenly(untidy) incumbent(responsibility) are all incorrect as per context.

15. Answer: D

plunged(jump or dive quickly) is the correct usage, Obliged(to constrain someone by force) all other options are incorrect.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 92

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

1.

I) The soft milk-like cleansing lotion is made up of the concentrated ___________ Organic Aloe Vera and nonfat dry milk.

II) Mr. Bush now has an opportunity to revamp his reputation by adopting a more ____________ style.

A. Inclement

B. Turbulent

C. Flamboyant

D. Emollient

E. None of the above

2.

I) Nuclear weapons would be renounced only after a ____________________ of the threat of war in diplomacy.

II) The ________________ of any attempt to tax was at once cause and symptom of the state's demise.

A. Assertion

B. Renunciation

C. Condonement

D. Dissonance

E. None of the above

3.

I) The political candidate claimed the media was making a _____________attempt to ruin his reputation.

II) The commune provided some marginal bargaining power for the peasantry since _____________ resistance could not be lightly dismissed.

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A. Partitioned
B. Cussed
C. Concerted
D. Reiterated
E. None of the above

4.

I) The Red Cross is dedicated to providing ___________and support to families who have been displaced by natural disasters

II) Sanctions breed fear and resignation in precisely the quarters they are meant to ___________.

A. Succour
B. Fugitive
C. Disdain
D. Austerity
E. None of the above

5.

I) My mother is a chatty woman and is quite skilled at getting rid of nosey neighbors in an ___________manner.

II) The government has clearly decided that a cut in interest rates would be politically ___________.

A. Altruistic
B. Imprudent
C. Ferocious
D. Consternation
E. None of the above

Directions: In each of the following questions a sentence is given with one blank. You have to fill the blank with one of the words given as options to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

6) The Home Minister appeared to ___________ the findings of a US-based firm's claims that the massive power outage in Mumbai in October last year was the result of sabotage by Chinese hackers.

A. Obdurated
B. Scorn

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C. Dissimilar
D. Corroborate
E. Reverent

7) It is Delhi Police Commissioner's vision to ____________ women officials' visibility in force and for this, he has also decided to post them to take various responsibilities in their departments.

A. Scheme
B. Exalt
C. Agitate
D. Proliferate
E. Pacify

8) She enthralled the audience with her divine rendition of Katha in her own musically rich ____________ style.

A. Admonished
B. Descending
C. Exculpating
D. Fictitious
E. Inimitable

9) He wishes to learn ____________ truths from Yama, who tests him before imparting the knowledge by offering the boy all the riches and worldly enjoyments.

A. Grim
B. Perplex
C. Esoteric
D. Dampened
E. Coarse

10) ____________ to a cure is a driving force in lung cancer research, funding investigators initiated research through pilot and seed grants.

A. Prelude
B. Benign
C. Obstacle
D. Adventure
E. Aspersion

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Directions: In the questions given below, two sentences are given with a blank each. Find the suitable word from the given options that fits both the blanks contextually and grammatically.

11)

1) This year's UN summit has been accompanied by the usual round of ----------- phrases about the need to end poverty.

2) The script is -----------, riddled with stereotypes and offers nothing that hasn't been seen in every single gangster film ever made.

A. Wistful

B. Intractable

C. Hackneyed

D. Unctuous

E. None of the above

12)

1) Prisons are designed to transform a regretted crime into ----------- behavior through penalties and punishment.

2) The ------------- young boy apologized to his parents for breaking the window and took on extra household chores to cover the cost of repairing it.

A. Phlegmatic

B. Haughty

C. Contrite

D. Staunch

E. None of the above

13)

1) Individuals who are serious about becoming doctors should be prepared to ------------ a demanding educational journey.

2) The defense agencies could use the remotecontrolled vehicle to --------- minefields.

A. Traverse

B. Burnish

C. Droll

D. Stupefy

E. None of the above

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14)

1) Many developing and poor nations, however, are stuck in a ----------- of debt and impoverishment, no matter how much assistance they receive.

2) Torrential rain was quickly turning the building-site into a -------------.

A. Streamline
B. Trenchant
C. Temerity
D. Quagmire
E. None of the above

15)

1) The Federal Reserve chairman is famous for his opaque remarks and ----------- topics.

2) Most of the medical research on the subject seems --------- to the average man.

A. Correct
B. Abstruse
C. Debunk
D. Valid
E. None of the above

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Solutions

1. Answer: D

Inclement, Turbulent – cold, bleak, extreme

Flamboyant – colourful, dazzling, ostentatious

Emollient – palliative, softening

2. Answer: B

Renunciation – resignation, surrender, abdication

Dissonance – discord, dissention, friction

Assertion, Condonement – contention, declaration, proclamation

3. Answer: C

Concerted – combined, communal, conjunct

Partitioned, Cussed – blasted, cursed

Reiterated – restated, rehearsed

4. Answer: A

Succour – support, foster, encourage

Fugitive - Fleeting, transient, fleeing

Disdain, Austerity – contempt, scorn, arrogance

5. Answer: E

Expedientshould be the correct word that fits the blanks

Expedient – scheme, plan, action

Altruistic- philonthropist,helper,supporter

Imprudent – careless, foolish, heedless

Ferocious – brutal, cruel, vicious

Consternation – anxiety, dismay

6) Answer: D

"Corroborate" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option d is the right answer choice.

Obdurate: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.

Scorn: a feeling and expression of contempt or disdain for someone or something.

Dissimilar: not the same; different.

Corroborate: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Reverent: feeling or showing deep and solemn respect.

7) Answer: B

"Exalt" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option b is the right answer choice.

Scheme: a large-scale systematic plan or arrangement for attaining a particular object or putting a particular idea into effect.

Exalt: think or speak very highly of (someone or something).

-raise to a higher rank or position.

Agitate: make (someone) troubled or nervous.

Proliferate: increase rapidly in number; multiply.

Pacify: quell the anger, agitation, or excitement of

8) Answer: E

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"Inimitable" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option e is the right answer choice.

Admonished: warned or reprimand someone firmly.
Descending: moving or sloping downwards.
Exculpating: showing or declaring that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.
Fictitious: not real or true; imaginary or fabricated.
Inimitable: so good or unusual as to be impossible to copy; unique.

9) Answer: C

"Esoteric" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option C is the right answer choice.

Grim: very serious or gloomy.
Perplex: completely baffled; very puzzled.
Esoteric: intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a (no article should be used here) specialized knowledge or interest.
Dampened: made slightly wet.
Coarse: rough or harsh in texture.

10) Answer: A

"Prelude" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option a is the right answer choice.

Prelude: an action or event serving as an introduction to something more important.
Benign: gentle and kindly.
Obstacle: a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.
Adventure: an unusual and exciting or daring experience.
Aspersion: an attack on the reputation for integrity of someone or something

11) Answer: C

"Option c" fits perfectly.

hackneyed - Very typical of a certain kind of person or thing; Repeated too often
This year's UN summit has been accompanied by the usual round of hackneyed phrases about the need to end poverty.

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The script is hackneyed, riddled with stereotypes and offers nothing that hasn't been seen in every single gangster film ever made.

Meanings of other words:

wistful – longing; full of yearning or longing

If you ask about her previous boyfriend and she gets a small, wistful smile on her face, change the subject.

Intractable – uncontrollable; Hard to control or deal with

Germany, with its intractable economic problems, is seriously considering it.

Unctuous - Characterized by a lack of sincerity.

12) Answer: C

"Option c" fits perfectly.

Contrite - Feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong

1) Prisons are designed to transform a regretted crime into contrite behavior through penalties and punishment.

2) The contrite young boy apologized to his parents for breaking the window and took on extra household chores to cover the cost of repairing it.

Meanings of other words:

phlegmatic - Not easily excited to action or passion

haughty - Arrogantly superior and disdainful

staunch - Very loyal and committed in attitude

13) Answer: A

"Option a" fits perfectly.

Traverse – journey; to travel a rough path;

1) Individuals who are serious about becoming doctors should be prepared to traverse a demanding educational journey.

2) The defense agencies could use the remotecontrolled vehicle to traverse minefields.

Meanings of other words:

burnish – polish; To make as good as possible

Droll – humorous; Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement

stupefy - To make (someone) unable to think or
feel properly

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14) Answer: D

"Option d" fits perfectly.

(1) Many developing and poor nations, however, are stuck in a quagmire of debt and impoverishment, no matter how much assistance they receive.

In the above sentence "quagmire" refers to "An awkward, complex, or hazardous situation"

(2) Torrential rain was quickly turning the building-site into a quagmire.

In the above sentence "quagmire" refers to "A small pool of water, usually on a path or road"

Meanings of other words:

Trenchant – blistering, withering,scornful; vigorous or incisive in expression or style. He was shattered and bewildered by this trenchant criticism.

Temerity– overweening; excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

No one had the temerity to question his conclusions

Streamline - To alter or change into something new or updated.

The company plans to implement new technology to streamline the billing and documentation process.

15) Answer: B

"Option b" fits perfectly.

Abstruse - Difficult to comprehend or understand

1) The Federal Reserve chairman is famous for his opaque remarks and abstruse topics.

2) Most of the medical research on the subject seems abstruse to the average man.

Explanation:

Meanings of other words:

debunk– To demonstrate or expose to the falsehood of something

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 93

Directions (1-4): A word is given followed by three sentences with a blank in each sentence. You have to choose the blank in which the word fits grammatically and contextually.

1. Impediment

I) Meticulous copy editing may be another __________ to the quick dissemination of results.

II) The salesman offered his __________but we told him we were just browsing.

III) Price maintenance was considered to be a significant _____________ to the development of an efficient and competitive distributive industry.

A. Only III

B. Both I & II

C. Only II

D. Both I & III

E. all of the above

2. Onerous

I) The _____________ task of distributing seed potatoes to the tenantry on the Sligo estate has just been completed.

II) A leading Scottish businesswoman has the ___________ task of finding a buyer for the beleaguered Millennium Dome in London.

III)The flight attendant was not prepared to deal with the _______________passenger.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

3. Livid

I) a medium bronze intermediate of incurving form with a lovely __________ autumn colour.

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II) The finality of death of a young man with __________ prospects for success is a shattering blow indeed.

III) The police officer was ________when the drunk driver drove directly into his vehicle.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

4. *Resolute*

I) Our Bridge was too ___________to hold the weight and quickly crashed to the ground.

II) Today he is much more knowledgeable and _________ when it comes to politics.

III) They are not easily ruffled but can be very firm and __________ in their actions.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

Directions (5 – 8): In each of the following questions, a statement is given with a blank followed by four phrasal verbs. You have to choose the suitable phrasal verb for that blank to make a sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

5. Each payload would have to be inspected before ________ to ensure its peaceful nature.

A. blow away

B. bitch up

C. block off

D. blast off

E. None of the above

6.Yeltsin did promise to ____________ wages and pensions of government employees.

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A. Jam on
B. Jam away
C. Jack up
D. Jazz up
E. None of the above

7. The stockholders agreed to let their company ___________ a part of its profits for reserve funds.

A. keep around
B. Keep back
C. keep away
D. lash down
E. None of the above

8. Friends stay friends because they don't ________________ in each other's lives.

A. Mess about
B. Mash up
C. Make off
D. Name after
E. None of the above

Directions (9-12): A word is given followed by three sentences with a blank in each sentence. You have to choose the sentence/(s) in which the word fits grammatically and contextually.

9. Dissident

I) The newsroom became the home of the tame __________ and the compliant office holder.

II) Walsh called for the museum to become a rallying point for _____________ views.

III) The company also added that they served thousands of ____________ customers every year.

A. Only III
B. Both I & III
C. Only II
D. Both I & II

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E. all of the above

10. Tenuous

I) Mountain gorilla populations are extremely ______ and chimpanzees are hanging by a thread.

II) These are a form of personal pensions where links to earnings or length of service is ___________

III) The uneducated man made a _________ argument against the importance of obtaining a higher education.

A. Only III

B. Both I & III

C. Only II

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

11. Annihilate

I) The teacher must __________ rules for the students to follow while they are in school.

II) A crew was hired to ________the home and we hope it will be built by Christmas.

III) The boxer hopes to ________his opponent during the first round of the match.

A. Only III

B. Both I & III

C. Only II

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

12. Sabotage

I) The fertile ground and ample water supply will allow the crops to _____________

II) The scenarios might involve a simulated attack by terrorists or mock acts of ___________ by insiders.

III) Every single act of industrial _________ is being done by the people who formerly ran those systems.

A. Only III

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B. Both II& III

C. Only II

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

Directions (13-17): In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

13.

(A) Over a period of time, I have found myself totally _______ and nobody ever thought of utilising my services for anything.

(B)Confectionery manufacturer Nestlé is proposing to make 45 staff at its Wiri factory ________ as it seeks to move production to its Allen's factory in Australia.

(a) Covert

(b) Dubious

(c) Redundant

(d) Viable

(e) None of these.

14.

(A) Nearly 40 percent of the global workforce believe their job will be ____________ within 5 years due to accelerated automation in view of the pandemic.

(B)Power consumers have raised concerns about the continued use of __________ meters in their residences.

(a) Fragile

(b) Modest

(c) Obsolete

(d) Affluent

(e) None of these.

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(A) If we don't have our best game, or the right precision or _________, we will have to win it with our hearts or our minds.

(B) The actress knows how to pull off a gown as well as a baggy tracksuit with equal ___________.

(a) Finesse

(b) Authenticity

(c) Fluke

(d) Morbidity

(e) None of these.

16.

(A) An Iranian woman who was accused of murdering her abusive husband was __________ by her own daughter.

(B) Our probe has confirmed that while Vaze was the mastermind, but the murder of Hiran was ________ by Shinde.

(a) Halted

(b) Mutilated

(c) Executed

(d) Receded

(e) None of these.

17.

(A) Chief minister Sangma campaigned for ________ GHADC CEM Marak at Garobadha, Selsella and Kalchenpara.

(B) Ayesha Kidwai, professor at the Centre for Linguistics, said that no other __________ JNUSU president has ever contested in an Assembly or Lok Sabha election before.

(a) Absorbent

(b) Precarious

(c) Incumbent

(d) Exaggerated

(e) None of these.

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1. Answer: D

Impediment – something that impedes, a bar or hindrance

Here options I & III explains the meaning of impediment which is block, hindrance. Option II does not belong to this meaning.

Hence option D is the answer.

2. Answer: E

Onerous - involving, imposing, or constituting a burden

Here all the three sentences explain about the meaning of onerous which is difficult and needs a lot of effort.

Hence Option E is the answer.

3. Answer: C

Livid – very angry, enraged

Here option III explains the meaning of livid which is outrage or anger. Option II & III does not belong to that meaning.

Hence option C is the answer.

4. Answer: B

Resolute – marked by firm determination, bold, steady

Here option II & III belong to the meaning of resolute which is strong. Option I does not belong to that meaning.

Hence option B is the answer

5. Answer: D

Blast off - Leave the ground- spaceship or rocket

Block off - Obstruct an exit to prevent people from leaving

Bitch up - Spoil or ruin something.

Blow away - Impress greatly.

Here blast off fits for the blank correctly

Hence option D is the answer

6. Answer: C

Jack up – Increase sharply

Jazz up – Make something more interesting or attractive

Jam away – Talk just for the point of talking rather than having anything to say.

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Jam on - Apply or operate something forcefully

Here jack up fits for the blank correctly

Hence option C is the answer

7. Answer: B

Keep back - Maintain a safe distance

Keep around - Keep something near you

Keep away - Don't allow someone near something

Lash down - Secure something with ropes or cords

Here keep back fits for the blank correctly

Hence option B is the answer.

8. Answer: A

Mess about – Not be serious, not use something properly

Mash up – Mix sources of audio, video or other computer sources

Make off – Leave somewhere in a hurry

Name after - Give someone a name to remember another person

Here mess about fits for the blank correctly

Hence option A is the answer.

9. Answer: D

Dissident – a person who strongly disagrees with

Here options I and II explain the disagreement which is the meaning of Dissident where option III is wrongly given.

Hence option D is the answer.

10. Answer: E

Tenuous – very weak or uncertain

Here all the blanks can fit the word tenuous

Hence option E is the answer.

11. Answer: A

Annihilate – to destroy or defeat somebody

Here option III describes the meaning of annihilate

Hence option A is the answer.

12. Answer: B

Sabotage - an act or process tending to hamper or hurt

Here option II and III explain the meaning of

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sabotage whereas option I does not go well with the given word.

Hence option B is the answer.

13. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be 'redundant'.

Covert- not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Dubious- hesitating or doubting.

Redundant- not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.

Viable- capable of working successfully; feasible.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

14. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be 'obsolete'.

Fragile- easily destroyed or threatened.

Modest- unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.

Obsolete- cause (a product or idea) to become obsolete by replacing it with something new.

Affluent- (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money/ wealthy.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

15. Answer: A

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be 'finesse'.

Finesse- bring about or deal with (something) by using great delicacy and skill.

Authenticity- the quality of being authentic.

Morbidity- the condition of being diseased.

Fluke- an unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer choice.

16. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be 'executed'.

Halted- bring or come to an abrupt stop.

Mutilated- to damage something severely, especially by violently removing a part.

Executed- put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect.

Receded- go or move back or further away from a previous position.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

17. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be 'incumbent'.

Absorbent- (of a material) able to soak up liquid easily.
Precarious- in a way that is uncertain or dependent on chance.
Incumbent- necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.
Exaggerated- seeming larger, more important, better, or worse than it really is.
Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 94

Directions: In the given question one statement with a blank is given along with five words, three of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words is given. Pick up the combination of words that fits into the blank.

1. The income of the children engaged in child labour is too _____ to have any significant effect on the economic condition of their families.

a) Meagre
b) Limited
c) Scarce
d) Prevalent
e) Outraging
A) abc
B) cde
C) abd
D) bde
E) cea

2. The Finance Ministry seems to be having second thoughts on whether to give ____ to a growing demand from the auto industry for goods and service tax (GST) rate cuts, given the hole it might burn in the revenues.

a) Accent
b) Consent
c) Approval
d) Accede
e) Ascent
A) cde
B) bcd
C) bde
D) acd
E) cab

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3. The monsoon has now further ______ into Maldives-Comorin area, some more parts of south Bay of Bengal and covered Andaman Sea along with Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

a) Retaliated
b) Advanced
c) Directed
d) Forwarded
e) Progressed
A) abc
B) bce
C) bde
D) bcd
E) abe

4. There is need to ______ skills and technological capabilities to connect manufacturing activities to the global valuechain with consistency and reliability of quality and standard of products.

a) Harness
b) Jovial
c) Exercise
d) Warranted
e) Utilize
A) bad
B) cde
C) bcd
D) adc
E) ace

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the word that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

5. A heated debate has dominated the Chinese social media attention this past week in the wake of a post linked to an official Communist Party account that mocked India's COVID19 crisis, and subsequently ____________ opinion among

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those calling for sympathy and others justifying a comparison of the two countries' responses to the pandemic.

A) Opposite
B) Contrast
C) polarised
D) Contradictory
E) Advocate

6. Chinese companies manufacturing oxygen concentrators and other medical supplies are reporting a record ________ in orders for April and May from Indian companies amid the current wave of COVID19 cases and shortages in supplies.

A) Decline
B) availability
C) downfall
D) surge
E) strife

7. For many years, theoretical economists characterized humans as rational beings ________ bent on maximizing purely selfish reward.

A) Amicably
B) Relentlessly
C) Intentionally
D) Excitedly
E) Willingly

8. Human beings, born with a drive to explore and experiment, _______ on learning.

A) prosperity
B) stagnate
C) Apt
D) thrive
E) success

9. The study of the analog position of mental representation has many fascinating branches which help ________ the inner workings of our minds and how we perceive images in our mind's eye.

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A) illuminate
B) Darken
C) hide
D) conceal
E) confuse

Directions: In the statements given below, a blank has been given. This needs to be filled up using a correct combination of words from the options mentioned below. The statement so formed must be contextually and grammatically sound.

10) In September 2015, just a few months before the world signed up to the Paris Agreement on climate change, there were a number of huge forest fires _________ across Indonesia, Sumatra and Borneo.

A. Curb
B. Ignite
C. Erupted
D. Explode
E. Inhibit

11) In healthcare, which has experienced workers ________, more people are leaving due to burnout and dissatisfaction after they bore the brunt of the pandemic.

A. Arrival
B. Exodus
C. Reconciliation
D. Inflow
E. Agitation

12) Then the Sudan was abandoned and the railway remained in ________ till 1905, in 1906 the railway line was built again.

A. Bewitchment
B. Resuscitation
C. Possession
D. Abeyance
E. Fettle

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13) However, money _______ for post war reconstruction will not go to the companies in France, Germany, Russia or Syria.

A. Refusal

B. Earmarked

C. Skimped

D. Laundering

E. Misused

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1. Answer: A

The sentence implies that the income of the children does not have a significant effect on the economic condition of their families because their income is too low. Meagre means '(of something provided or available)' lacking in quantity or quality.

Scarce: insufficient, not plenty in amount. Limited is also synonym of scarce and meagre. So the words scarce, meagre and limited are perfect fit for the blank. Hence option A is the correct answer.

2. Answer: B

"Ascent" means to ascend or go upward and "accent" means "articulation of words" both which are irrelevant here. "Accede" means "to agree". Which is suitable for the blank contextually. Consent: to give approval, to permit or agree. So, consent and approval synonymous to accede. Hence option B is the correct answer.

3. Answer: C

The word 'retaliate' means to make an attack in return for a similar attack'. This does not fit the given blank.

The word advanced means proceeded or moved further'. 'Directed' means directed control the operations of; manage or govern'. It also mean 'to point towards a particular direction'. This does not fit in the blank.

Forward- onward, ahead

Progressing- to move forward.

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Forward and progressing are synonymous to advanced. Hence option C is the correct answer.

4. Answer: E

The word harness means ‘make practical and effective use of’ it makes perfect sense if used in blank.

The word ‘jovial’ means ‘cheerful and friendly’. It does not fit the given blank. The phrase jovial skills makes no sense.

Warranted – justify or necessitate

Exercise- an activity carried out for specific purpose

Utilize – to make practical and effective use

Among these words, harness, exercise and utilize are perfect for each other. So they are perfect fit for the blank.

5. Answer: C

The blank needs a verb. Can you tell me which is the auxiliary verb for the verb in blank? It is ‘has’ in ‘A heated debate has dominated………..’. Now, if ‘has’ is the auxiliary verb, then main verb should be in ‘-ed’ form or third form or participle. There is only one word in such form i.e. C.

6. Answer: D

The passage has mentioned ‘shortages in supplies’ that means there will be increase in orders and therefore surge is the best option.

7. Answer: B

The sentence mentions ‘maximizing purely selfish reward’. So, to maximize selfish reward they have to implement harsh or intense ways.

Amicably means friendly and is invalid.

Intentionally is absurd because without intentions you cannot be selfish.

Excitedly means excitement which is not supported by anything in the sentence. Willingly means the same as intentionally. Therefore relentlessly which means in an unceasingly intense or harsh way is correct.

8. Answer: D

The sentence says human beings are born with a drive to explore and experiment. Therefore they will be interested in learning and the blank must contain such word and therefore thrive is the best option. It means to grow or develop well or vigorously.

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9. Answer: A

illuminate(to clarify or make something understandable), the sentence is positive, so any option which gives negative meaning will be eliminated, the meaning of all other options are conceal(hidden)

confuse(puzzled/baffled/flummox)

10) Answer: C

Option A and E talk opposite to the context of the sentence

"Curb" means a check or restraint on something "Inhibit" means hinder, restrain or prevent (an action or process)

Option B and D are contextually correct but grammatically do not fit in the blank. When the past point of time is given, Simple Past tense is used.

"Ignite" means catch fire or cause to catch fire

"Explode" means to burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion. Option C is both contextually and grammatically correct

"Erupted" means breakout suddenly and dramatically and (of a volcano) become active and eject lava, ash and gases

11) Answer: B

The context of the sentence says in healthcare, a large number of people left their job because of dissatisfaction and exhaustion.

Option B and C are out of context.

"Reconciliation" means the action of making one;s view or belief compatible with other

"Agitation" means moving back and forth or with an irregular, rapid or violent action.

Option A and D are opposite to the context of the sentence

Option B is both contextually and grammatically correct.

"Exodus" means a mass departure of people

12) Answer: B

Options B and E are out of context.

"Resuscitation" means the action or process of reviving someone from unconscious or apparent death.

"Fettle" means state or condition you are in

Options A and C talk opposite to the context of the sentence.

"Bewitchment" means cast a spell over (someone)
"Possession" means the state of having, owing or controlling something
Option D is both grammatically and contextually right
"Abeyance" means a state of temporary disuse or suspension.

13) Answer: B

"Earmarked" means designate (funds or resources) for special purpose All other options do not fit contextually in the sentence.
"Skimped" means to expend or use less time, money or material on something.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 95

Directions (1-4): In the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below the sentence, there are five options with one word each. Fill up the blank with the appropriate word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

1) A mission conducted by private companies in Australia and Canada, in ________ with the University of Technology, Sydney, may see Australian technology hunting water on the Moon
as soon as mid-2024.

A. synchronize
B. conjunction
C. detestation
D. according
E. concurrent

2) Before the COVID19 pandemic, most people linked and associated vaccination ______ children only.

A.to
B. regards
C. around
D. with
E. against

3) China said on Tuesday that it is not attending the security dialogue on Afghanistan ________ by India due to 'scheduling reasons'.

A. hoisted
B. host
C. convened
D. adjourned
E. elevate

4) Every day, millions of viewers come to YouTube to research the _______ gadgets and beauty products that the site's creators promote.

A. last

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B. latter

C. former

D. newly

E. latest

Directions (5-8): In the questions given below, a blank has been provided in each and needs to be filled with the appropriate word. Choose the best option among the given ones.

5) The researchers ___________ there is going to be a lot of turnover in corporate finance for those teams that try to revert to the prior way of working and forbid their teams to continue working remotely.

A. Proscribe

B. Retrograde

C. Catabolic

D. Inhibit

E. Predict

6) H&M was removed from the Chinese online retail platform Tmall and domestic phone makers' app stores after it expressed concerns about the ______________ use of Uyghur forced labour in cotton production.

A. Dislodged

B. Subdued

C. Persuade

D. Alleged

E. Peddled

7) This book explores how the trades in eight everyday products are adapting to the corona virus pandemic from bicycles to whisky, spices to semiconductors and how _________________ and innovation are redefining the way the world trades.

A. Pivotal

B. Resilience

C. Delve

D. Constitutive

E. Enumerate

8) Sweden is _________________ for having some

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of the highest taxes in the world, and yet the country's tax agency is still one of Sweden's most trusted institutions.

A. Egregious
B. Atrocious
C. Infamous
D. Credible
E. Venerable

Directions (9-12): In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with a blank. In each option there are two words. Find the correct pair of words which give similar meaning to each other and fit in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

9) The Valley this time appears ____________ with bright sunshine and dusty fields when otherwise it should have been clothed in white with slushy roads and snow-covered mountains.

A. Denuded, Cleared
B. Deprived, Fortunately
C. Divested, Covered
D. Robbed, Helped
E. None of these

10) The Maldives crisis could be a perfect opportunity for India, the US and other players to use the much ____________ Indo-Pacific strategy to find a solution to a regional problem.

A. Revered, Despised
B. Esteemed, Disparaged
C. Acclaimed, Criticized
D. Vaunted, extolled
E. None of these

11) Amid the __________ surge in Covid-19 cases, hospitals in Bihar are facing acute shortage of oxygen cylinders whose demand has shot up manifold.

A. Ominous, threatening
B. Baleful, Benevolent
C. Sinister, Unalarming
D. Dire, Mild

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E. None of these

12) The initial optimism appears to have _____________ after the latest 11th round of military talks on April 9 during which the PLA demonstrated a lack of commitment to restore the status quo of April 2020, said an official

A. Decreased, Increased

B. Dwindled, Flourished

C. Waned, Diminished

D. Declined, waxed

E. None of these

Directions (13-16): In each of the questions given below, a statement has been given with a blank. Some words have been given in the options following the statement. Choose the most appropriate word that could fit in the statement to make it contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

13) The company has already started teasing the launch of this smartphone, which is ___________ to debut under INR 40,000.

A. Transcended

B. Speculated

C. Relayed

D. Impregnated

E. Agonized

14) A recent JAMIA study reported health IT and EHR optimization as one of three critical ways to ___________ clinician burnout.

A. Effectuate

B. Conciliate

C. Precipitate

D. Mitigate

E. None of these.

15) US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin III was ___________ the Guard of Honour at VigyanBhawan.

A. Averted

B. Accorded

C. Encapsulated

D. Overweening

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E. None of these

16) Barbeque Nation IPO ___________ a fresh issue of **Rs** 180 crore and an offer for sale of Rs. 273 crore.

A. Stumbled

B. Attenuated

C. Comprised

D. Swamped

E. Contrived

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1) Answer: B

Here, we need a noun in the blank. The context tells about the mission between two companies with the concurrence of the University of Technology. So, the correct word here is 'conjunction'.

2) Answer: D

The correct phrasal verb is – linked with and associated with

3) Answer: C

The context talks about the refusal from China for the meeting held by India. As the meeting was held by India and the blank will be filled with the 2nd form of the verb, the correct word here is 'convened'.

4) Answer: E

The sentence is about the viewers who search YouTube for newest gadgets and beauty products. All other options are incorrect and option D is an adverb. Hence, only option E is correct.

5) Answer: E

Proscribe - means forbid. The sentence is meaningless if this is applied here.

Retrograde – means decline. This word does not fit in the blank.

Catabolic – means reverse. The word cannot make the sentence meaningful if applied. Interdict – means ban/forbid. The sentence becomes meaningless if the blank is filled with this word.

Inhibit – means constrain. This word is a wrong fit for the blank.

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Predict – means forecast/foretell. The word rightly fits the blank making a meaningful sentence.

Option E is the correct answer.

6) Answer: D

Dislodged – means detached. The word is wrong for the blank.

Subdued – means hushed/ made quiet. This word is irrelevant for the blank.

Persuade– means encourage to do something.

Alleged – means without proof. This word fits the blank making a meaningful sentence.

Peddled – means solicited. The word is wrong for the blank as it is irrelevant.

Option D is the correct answer.

7) Answer: B

Pivotal – means crucial. This word does not fit the blank.

Resilience – means strong. This is a good fit for the blank that completes the sentence meaningfully

Delve – means explore. This does not fit the meaning of the sentence.

Constitutive – means fundamental / basic. This word is wrong grammatically and meaningfully for the sentence.

Enumerate – means explain. This word is not the right fit for the sentence.

Option B is the correct answer.

8) Answer: C

Egregious – means shocking/glaring. This is wrong fit for the blank.

Atrocious – means awful/ barbaric. This does not fit the blank

Infamous – means popular but for wrong reasons. This word is the best for the blank and relevant to the sentence.

Credible – means honorable. This is not grammatically correct and reverses the meaning of the sentence.

Venerable – means respected. This word is wrong fit for the blank as it means opposite of what the sentence implies.

Option C is the correct answer.

9) Answer: A

Denuded: - strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.

Deprived: - not having enough of the basic things in life, such as food, money, etc.

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Divested: - deprive something of (a particular quality).
Robbed: - to take something away from somebody/something that he/she/it should have The Valley this time appears denuded with bright sunshine and dusty fields when otherwise it should have been clothed in white with slushy roads and snow-covered mountains.

10) Answer: D

Revered: - to take back or away
Despised: - to hate somebody/something very much
Esteemed: - held in great respect; admired.
Disparaged: - to talk about somebody/something in a critical way; to say that somebody/something is of little value or importance
Acclaimed: - to express a very high opinion of something/somebody
Criticized: - to say what is bad or wrong with somebody/something
Vaunted: - praised or talked about more than you deserve
Extolled: - praise enthusiastically.
The Maldives crisis could be a perfect opportunity for India, the US and other players to use the much vaunted Indo-Pacific strategy to find a solution to a regional problem.

11) Answer: A

Ominous: - suggesting that something bad is going to happen
Baleful: - threatening harm; menacing.
Benevolent: - kind, friendly and helpful to others
Sinister: - seeming evil or dangerous; making you feel that something bad will happen
Dire: - very bad or serious; terrible
Amid the ominous surge in Covid-19 cases, hospitals in Bihar are facing acute shortage of oxygen cylinders whose demand has shot up manifold.

12) Answer: C

Dwindled: - to become smaller or weaker
Waned: - to become gradually weaker or less important
Waxed: - to polish something with wax
Flourished: - to be strong and healthy; to develop in a successful way
The initial optimism appears to

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have waned after the latest 11th round of military talks on April 9 during which the PLA demonstrated a lack of commitment to restore the status quo of April 2020, said an official

13) Answer: B

*The word which makes the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful is '**speculated**'. Impregnated- saturate.*

Agonize- manifesting, suffering, or characterized by great physical or mental pain. Relay- a group of people who continue an activity that others from the same team or organization have been doing previously. Transcend- to go beyond or rise above a limit.

Speculated- to guess possible answers to a question when you do not have enough information to be certain

14) Answer: D

The word which makes the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful is 'mitigate'. Effectuate- put into force or operation. Mitigate- make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful. Precipitate- cause (an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely. Conciliate- stop (someone) being angry or discontented; placate

15) Answer: B

The word which makes the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful is 'accorded'. Encapsulated- express the essential features of (something) succinctly.

Averts- prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence).

Accord- give or grant someone (power, status, or recognition).

Overweening- showing excessive confidence or pride.

16) Answer: C

The word which makes the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful is 'comprised'. Comprised- to have things or people as parts or members/ to consist of. Stumbling- tripping or losing balance while walking/ moving with difficulty. Swamping- overwhelm or flood with water. Attenuated- having been reduced in force, effect, or value.

Contrived- artificial and difficult to believe.

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Direction(1-10): In the questions given here, a sentence is given with two blanks in it. Choose the correct pair of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence. If none of the combinations is correct, choose option E 'none of these' as your answer.

1. As the COP26 climate _____enters its second week, negotiations in Glasgow have hit a ______ phase.

a. summit
b. parlay
c. peak
d. critical
e. hazardous
f. precarious
A. a and d
B. b and f
C. c and e
D. a and f
E. none of these

2. India has had to walk a ______tightrope over Ukraine in the past few days as it tried to ______its ties with Moscow and the West.

a. tactful
b. diplomatic
c. political
d. balance
e. stable
f. equal
A. a and d
B. b and d
C. c and f
D. c and e
E. none of these.

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3. India has been under pressure to _______Russia's invasion but has so far been _______to do so.

a. attack
b. praise
c. condemn
d. eager
e. reluctant
f. bashful
A. a & d
B. b & f
C. c & e
D. b & f
E. none of these

4. Record breaking _____floods declared disaster _____as rescue operation continues.

a. fatal
b. terminal
c. superficial
d. zone
e. tract
f. district
A. c & f
B. b & e
C. a & f
D. a & d
E. none of these

5. A 32-year-old Indian software engineer has become the latest _____in a spate of mob lynching, allegedly _____by child abduction rumours spreading over WhatsApp.

a. assailant
b. victim
c. prey
d. induced

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e. spurred
f. impelled
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. a & f
E. none of these

6. Indian students ______in Ukraine's big cities and at the border are frantically sending messages asking their government to ______them.

a. casted
b. forsaken
c. stranded
d. evict
e. remove
f. evacuate
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. b & d
E. none of these.

7. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has ______in Poland and is meeting key European allies over the ongoing Russian ______of Ukraine.

a. arrived
b. materialised
c. rolled
d. invasion
e. seizure
f. foray
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. b & f
E. none of these

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8. Air-raid ______were sounded again in the capital overnight, and there were also reports of fierce ______in other cities including Chernihiv in the north.

a. whistle
b. sirens
c. horn
d. canon
e. shelling
f. blitz
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. c & d
E. none of these

9. An 82-year-old woman is preparing to cycle the _____of Britain and become the oldest woman to ______the challenge.

a. span
b. long
c. length
d. compute
e. compete
f. complete
A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. a & e
E. none of these

10. The UK government is ____calls to do more to help Ukrainian ______fleeing the Russian invasion.

a. facing
b. confront
c. meeting
d. refugees
e. escapees

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f. outcasts

A. a & d

B. b & e

C. c & f

D. b & d

E. none of these

11. President Putin ______his military to move Russia's "deterrent forces" - which include nuclear weapons - to a "special mode of ______duty".

A. ordered, combat

B. enjoin, play

C. adjure, hostility

D. bid, opposing

E. none of the above

12. UK officials say that the language Putin used did not quite ___with their __________ of the alert levels for Russian nuclear weapons.

A. seemly, grip

B. fit, understanding

C. suit, absorption

D. equip, assimilation

E. none of the above

13. Last week, Putin had ______in more coded language that if other countries _________with Russia's plans, they would face consequences.

A. tipped, obstruct

B. counselled, snoop

C. warned, interfered

D. urged, hinder

E. none of the above

14. Putin is _____about Western plans to provide military ________to the Ukrainians and wants to warn them about not doing too much.

A. eased, help

B. fretting, hand

C. edged, service

D. worried, assistance

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E. one of the above

15. During the Cold War, a huge intelligence machine was ______in the West to _____ Moscow's nuclear arsenal.

A. created, watch

B. moulded, eye

C. generated, notice

D. dismantled, attend

E. none of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The given context states that, as the climate meeting enters its second week, negotiations have hit a serious phase in Glasgow. Combination of a and d are correct in this case. Other words do not make any sense here.

Therefore, option A is correct.

2. Answer: B

The given context states that India has to maintain a political equilibrium between Moscow and the West over the invasion in Ukraine. Combination of b and d are correct in this case. Therefore, option B is correct.

3. Answer: C

The given context states that India is under pressure to criticise the Russian invasion but till now they have been unwilling to do so. Combination c and e are correct in this case. Therefore, option C is correct.

4. Answer: D

The given context states that record breaking deadly floods are declared disaster area as rescues continue. Combination of a and d are correct in this case.

Therefore, option D is correct.

5. Answer: B

The given context states that a 32-year-old man has become the latest casualty of mob lynching, prompted by child abduction rumours spread on WhatsApp. Combination of b and e are correct.

Therefore, option B is correct.

6. Answer: C

The given context states that Indian students trapped in Ukraine are asking their government to take them away from there. Combination of c and f are correct. Therefore, option C is correct.

7. Answer: A

The given context states that the British PM reached Poland and is meeting European allies over the ongoing Russian takeover of Ukraine. Combination a and d, are best in this case.

Therefore, option A is correct.

8. Answer: B

The given context states that, air raid alarms were sounded in the capital and there were reports of fierce bombing in cities like Chernihiv. Combination of b and e are correct.

Therefore, option B is correct.

9. Answer: C

The given context states that an 82-year-old woman will cycle the expanse of Britain and become the oldest women to finish the challenge. Combination of c and f is correct in this case.

Therefore, option C is correct.

10. Answer: A

The given context states that, UK is encountering calls to do more to help the Ukrainian asylum seekers fleeing the Russian invasion. Combination of a and d is correct in this case.

Therefore, option A is correct.

11. Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, Putin have instructed his military to move Russia's nuclear forces to a special mode of war duty. Among the given options, the words in A are the most appropriate fit.

Therefore, option A is correct.

12. Answer: B

The context given in the sentence states that the language used by Putin does not seem quite befitting with the UK officials

comprehension of the alert levels for Russian nuclear weapons. The words in B seems to be the most appropriate fit. Therefore, option B is correct.

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13. Answer: C

The context of the sentence states that Putin had cautioned in coded language that if other countries try to meddle with Russia's plans, they would face consequences. The words in C seems to be the best fit for the blanks.
Therefore, option C is correct.

14. Answer: D

According to the given context, Putin is anxious about the West's plan to provide military aid to the Ukrainians. Among the given options, the words in D makes the most sense and fit the blanks.
Therefore, option D is correct.

15. Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, during the cold war, an intelligence machine was constructed in the West to observe Moscow's nuclear arsenal. Among the given options, the words in A seems to be the best fit for the blanks. Therefore, option A is correct.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 97

Directions: In the following questions a paragraph is given with two blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1) The _______ party in the State and the national party did not arrive at an understanding, leading to the ______.

A. Progressive, Offers

B. Seating, Participate

C. Ruling, Deadlock

D. Constitutional, Allied

E. None of these.

2) Those aged above 80 and those ______ for casting postal ballots should fill up a 12-D _____ form when officials visit their residences.

A. Engage, Clarity

B. Eligibility, Conceptual

C. Engaged, Contradiction

D. Eligible, Consent

E. None of these.

3) On-site walk-in registrations for COVID-19 vaccines have ______ good response _______ senior citizens.

A. Acquired, Within

B. Gained, Among

C. Acquired, Over

D. Gained, Between

E. None of these.

4) There are ______ ways in which women's ________ at home can be reduced by the government.

A. Little, Burden

B. Many, Burden
C. Few, Burdened
D. Much, Works
E. None of these

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

5) Even as the governor's decision to dissolve the J&K assembly was taken with a ___________________by all political parties in the state, the latest decision by Satya Pal Malik to accept a recommendation by the State Advisory Council to treat the J&K Bank as a PSU has _______________ great anger and suspicion

A. Pinch of salt, roused
B. Greasy Spoon, provoked
C. Put on the Ritz, initiated
D. Hackneyed, promoted
E. None of the above

6) A couple of Australian tourists had a similar experience and had to go back without reaching their _____________ destinations," says the CEO of tour operators. These examples reflect the current state of India's aviation sector, which is __________________with flight delays/ cancellations and fares touching the sky-forcing hundreds of foreign and domestic flyers to lose precious time, money, business opportunities and much more.

A. Supposed, near
B. Intended, Besieged
C. Peddled, loaded
D. Correct, already
E. None of the above

7) Bridal couture has come a long way from the traditional lehenga-choli _________________with zardozi or Swarovski crystals. The modern bride has well-cut gowns, sherwanis and kimono jackets to choose from—things she can move freely and, possibly,_______________ .

A. Laded, dancer

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B. Many, fallacy

C. Encrusted, shake a leg in

D. Lofted, finesse.

E. None of the above

8) Analysts say that Mamata's focus on the tribal communities is ____________ by the need to counter the BJP, which seems to have found a ______________ in the backward belt after welcoming Trinamool Congress rebel Mukul Roy into the party.

A. Motivated, stable

B. Inspired, collision

C. Encouraged, ground

D. Driven, Foothold

E. None of the above.

9) Challenges linked to elections come in many shapes and sizes-some can be ___________________ , most are hard to _________________

A. Anticipated, tell.

B. Expected, introduce

C. Benefitted, said

D. Promoted, delusion

E. None of the above

10. Russians are starting to feel the _____of Western economic sanctions designed to ______the country for invading neighbouring Ukraine.

A. affect, wallop

B. effect, punish

C. actions, exonerate

D. cause, penalize

E. none of the above

11. Residents in Moscow are _______some queues in food stores as people buy goods, they think will be in short supply due to price rises or trade________.

A. communicating, limitation

B. interviewing, cutback

C. reporting, restrictions

D. publishing, stipulation

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E. none of the above

12. A new report on the _____of climate change will likely be the most worrying ________ yet of how rising temperatures affect every living thing.

A. collision, amazement

B. crash, valuation

C. strike, judgement

D. impact, assessment

E. none of the above

13. China's carbon ________ are vast and growing, _______those of other countries.

A. emissions, dwarfing

B. outpouring, shadowing

C. discharge, stripping

D. exhausts, topping

E. none of the above

14. England saw a ___in young adults taking up smoking during the first_______, according to a study.

A. uptick, isolation

B. rise, lockdown

C. riot, incarceration

D. jump, detention

E. none of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: C

Among the given set of words, the most suitable words to fill in the given blanks in the similar sequence will be 'ruling' and 'deadlock'.

Ruling (adjective) - currently exercising authority or influence.

Deadlock (noun)- a situation, typically one

involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made.

Allied (adjective)- joined by or relating to members of an alliance.

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

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2) Answer: D

Among the given set of words, the most suitable words to fill in the given blanks in the similar sequence will be 'eligible' and 'consent'.

Eligible (adjective)- having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions.

Consent (noun)- permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.

Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

3) Answer: B

Among the given set of words, the most suitable words to fill in the given blanks in the similar sequence will be 'gained' and 'among'.

Gained- obtain or secure (something wanted or desirable).

Among- Among is used when talking about people or things that are not distinct and are viewed as a group.

Over- extending directly upwards from.

Between- You can use between for any number of elements, as long as all the elements are separate and distinct.

Within- inside (something).

Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

4) Answer: B

Among the given set of words, the most suitable words to fill in the given blanks in the similar sequence will be 'many' and 'burden'.

'Much' is used when we are speaking about a singular noun. 'Many' is used when we are speaking about a plural noun.

Little refers to non-countable nouns, and is used with the singular form to indicate that something exists only in a small amount or to a slight degree. Few refer to countable nouns, and is used with the plural form to indicate not many persons or things.

Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

5) Answer: A

Second blank follows the structure has+v3, Pinch of salt(to view something with

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skepticism) is the perfect idiom for the first blank according to context, Greasy spoon (inexpensive restaurant) Put on the Ritz (luxury) Getting your wires crossed (misunderstanding).

6) Answer: B

Intended and besieged(loaded) are the perfect combination of words which fit in the context.

7) Answer: C

The combination of both words: encrusted(covered or decorated with), shake a leg in is an idiom(moving faster) are perfect in the blanks as per context.
Loft(storage), fallacy(mistake) finesse(skill)

8) Answer: D

Driven and Foothold(secure position from which further progress can be made) are the perfect combinations according to context. Inspired cannot be used in the first blank because inspired is used in positive context and here the situation is negative.

9) Answer: A

The combination of words given in option a is correct, all other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

10. Answer: B

The given context states that, the Russians are feeling the consequences of the economic sanctions imposed on them by the west to chastise the country for invading Ukraine. Among the given options, the words in B are the most appropriate.
Therefore, option B is correct.

11. Answer: C

According to the given context, residents in Moscow are announcing queues in food stores as they fear goods will be in short supply due to increasing prices and trade regulations. The words in C seems to be the best fit for the given blanks.
Therefore, option C is correct.

12. Answer: D

According to the given context, a report on the effect of climate change will likely be the most worrying evaluation on how rising temperatures are affecting every living thing. The words in D seems to the most appropriate fit for the blanks.

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Therefore, option D is correct.

13. Answer: A

According to the context given, China's carbon releases are vast and growing, surpassing those of other countries. Among the given options, the words in A are the best fit for the blanks.

Therefore, option A is correct.

14. Answer: B

According to the context of the sentence, England saw an increase in young adults taking up smoking during the first quarantine according to a study. The words in B are the best fit for the blanks given.

Therefore, option B is correct

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 98

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks. Identify the correct pair of words that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1) Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh resigned after the Bombay HC directed the CBI to start a ___________ inquiry within15 days in the case filed by former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh ______________malpractices.

A. Preparatory, Contradicting

B. Opening, Dissent

C. Concluding, claiming

D. Preliminary, alleging

E. None of the above

2) AIM's mission is to create and promote a _________ ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country. Over the past four years, since its inception, AIM's various initiatives have achieved __________ successes.

A. Quaking, insignificant

B. Vibrant, notable

C. Dull, momentous

D. Spirited, obscure

E. None of the above

3) ___________ from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and the police rescued at least 37 people, and are searching for three workers who are feared to be trapped in the __________.

A. Personal, litter

B. Lack, chaff

C. Personnel, debris

D. Ineptness, waste

E. None of these

4) As the second wave of coronavirus _________ across the country, several states and union territories have decided to ___________ shut the doors of schools for students.

A. Rages, temporarily

B. Tempers, presently

C. Tantrum, permanently

D. Harmony, continue

E. None of these

5) State-owned Union Bank of India is looking to _________ its loan recovery mechanisms and create a single platform database for different routes to deal with __________ loans.

A. Digitize, delinquent

B. Compute, dutiful

C. Initialize, conformist

D. Dissimilate, slack

E. None of these

Directions: In the question given below there are two statements, each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks in both the statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

6.

I. Nature must not be ______ as merely abstract limit to the infinite striving of spirit that _____ the knowledge you gain over time.

II. The soul is ______ to be a facsimile of the body, sometimes no less material, that ____ the understanding between you and the universe.

A. Perceived, lightens

B. conceived, deepens

C. Born, jokes

D. Conceptualized, satire

E. None of the above

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I. He made friends with and _______ the acquaintance of only those above him in position and who could therefore be of use to him as it was clear that he was ______ behind his peers.

II. Her breathing quickened, and she ______ to break the entrancing spell before she began ____ in her breath.

A. Sought, lagging

B. Sort, moving

C. Wanted, crawling

D. Required, running

E. None of the above

8.

I. The real advantage of this lens is that each area blends _______ into the other, and even better, building an ______ set that binds the lens and other parts of the telescope.

II. To determine your bridal style, first consider your wedding theme, as your overall hairstyle should mesh easily and _______ with your vision giving rise to an _________ appearance that takes the surrounding along with your desire.

A. Suddenly, exclusive

B. Smooth, excluded

C. Brokenly, included

D. Seamlessly, inclusive

E. None of the above

9.

I. His eyes seemed to have _____ all the fire of the world, and his tone was _________ , his features being calm.

II. After his blood was ______ we concluded that stimulants and strychnine may be given, but they should be avoided until it is certain the bleeding has been properly _________, as they tend to increase it.

A. Taken, owned

B. Withdrawn, vague

C. Collected, controlled

D. Get, constricted

E. None of the above

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10.

I. The power of imposing conditions on testamentary manumissions was restricted, and these conditions interpreted in the sense most ______ to freedom which could not be achieved earlier due to utter _____ of the commanders.

II. Since Faraday's time his laws have been confirmed by modern research, and in _______ cases have been shown to hold good with an accuracy of at least one part in a thousand which further proves the absence of ______ and flaws in the modern research.

A. Bad, enthusiasm

B. good, energy

C. Habitual, shame

D. Favourable, negligence

E. None of the above

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

11) Police _______________ a man in Florida for driving his scooter at night without a working headlight. But he wasn't completely in the dark. His way was illuminated by the light coming from his mobile phone, which was ____________ to the mirror.

A. Pulled out, attached

B. Stopped, applied

C. Pulled over, strapped

D. Pulled off, supported

E. None of the above

12) Social guilt plagues most of us at one time or another, whether we are ____________ over having let down family members or feeling bad about a ____________ interpersonal interaction.

A. United, assessing

B. Referred, returning

C. Treating, beneficiary

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D. Dismayed, fraught

E. None of the above

13) As a senior officer, I was asked to _____________ the National Flag at my son's school on Independence Day. I pulled hard on the string, and the flag, along with the rose petals, fell on my head. The gathering fell silent, fully expecting a ____________

A. Set up, demand

B. Unfurl, rebuke.

C. Open, surge

D. Wake up, tragedy

E. None of the above

14) The Sikkim government has ______________ an age-old tradition unique to the state, which encourages its people to _____________ fraternal relationships with trees that are within the confines of their properties or on public land.

A. Carried, ensured

B. Renewed, benefit

C. Revived, forge

D. Prepared, require

E. None of the above

15) The government is ___________ child malnutrition and improving attendance in government schools by _______________ them with nutrition-rich mid-day meals, eggs and milk for free.

A. Tackling, supplementing

B. Enforcing, reaching

C. Conducting, testing

D. Providing, adequate

E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: D

Preliminary, alleging

Preliminary: -coming or happening before something else that is more important

Alleging: - to say that somebody has done something wrong, but without having any proof that this is true

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh resigned after the Bombay HC directed the CBI to start a preliminary inquiry within 15 days in the case filed by former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh alleging malpractices.

2) Answer: B

Vibrant, notable

Vibrant: -full of life and energy; exciting

Notable: - interesting or important enough to receive attention

AIM's mission is to create and promote a vibrant ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country. Over the past four years, since its inception, AIM's various initiatives have achieved notable successes.

3) Answer: C

Personnel, debris

Personnel: -the people who work for a large organization or one of the armed forces

Debris: - pieces from something that has been destroyed, especially in an accident

Personnel from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and the police rescued at least 37 people, and are searching for three workers who are feared to be trapped in the debris.

4) Answer: A

Rages, temporarily

Rages: - to continue with great force

Temporarily: -in a way that does not last for long or forever

As the second wave of coronavirus rages across the country, several states and union territories have decided to temporarily shut the doors of schools for students.

5) Answer: A

Digitize, delinquent

Digitize: -to change data into a digital form that can be easily read and processed by a computer

Delinquent: - behaving badly and often breaking the law, lawless

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State-owned Union Bank of India is looking to digitize its loan recovery mechanisms and create a single platform database for different routes to deal with delinquent loans.

6) Answer: B

In the first blank, the only options that fit in are
option B and D- conceived and conceptualized.
However, satire meaning spoof does not make sense in either of the statements as the second blank. Deepens on the other hand is a perfect fit.
Hence, option B is the best fit here.

7) Answer: A

The correct word is sought which means something in demand. The only option that fits in here is option A. Also, the second word also
fits in well here and conveys the correct meaning.
Hence, option A is correct.

8) Answer: D

Option A: Suddenly does not fit in both while exclusive does not fit in the second statement.
Option B: Both words are incorrect.
Option C: Brokenly is the opposite of what is needed.
Option D is correct with both words fitting in well. Hence, option D is correct.

9) Answer: C

Option A: Taken does not fit in the second statement. Owned also does not fit in the second statement. Option B: Neither of the words fit in the second statement. Option D: Get is grammatically incorrect. Option C is correct with both words fitting in well. Hence, option C is correct.

10) Answer: D

Option A: Both the words are opposite of what is needed the respective blanks.
Option B: energy does not fit in both the statements.
Option C: Both the words are irrelevant to the context and incorrect. Option D: Both the words are correct contextually and grammatically.
Hence, option D is correct

11) Answer: C

Pull over (move a vehicle to the side of the road), strapped (attach)

12) Answer: D

Dismayed (sadness), fraught (loaded with) are the correct combination of words, other options are erroneous.

13) Answer: B

Unfurl (release something that had been rolled up), rebuke (criticize) are the correct combination of the words to be used in the blanks.

14) Answer: C

Revived (energize), forge (strengthen) are the correct combination of words according to context, in the second blank to+v1 structure will be followed.

15) Answer: A

Tackling (fighting with), supplementing (in addition to), the first blank will follow the structure is+ ing, all other combinations of words used are incorrect.

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 99

Directions (1-10): A sentence given below with two blanks. You have to choose a pair of words from the option suitable for the blank to make a meaningful sentence.

1. Vehicles of those ___________without any purpose would be_________, the Commissioner warned.

A. Dawdling, Emancipated
B. Expedition, Ceased
C. Loitering, seized
D. Precipitation, Extricated
E. None of the above

2. Motorists travelling on the Chennai Radial Road were affected by smoke __________pollution after a fire ______________the garbage transit yard.

A. Induced, Engulfed
B. complacent, inundated
C. Persuaded, overwhelmed
D. irresolute, Encompassed
E. None of the above

3. Mounds of unsegregated garbage have been ___________up in the garbage segregation yard belonging to Chennai Municipality, with waste ___________on the road margins.

A. Dissemination, organised
B. hindrance, Flung
C. heaping, snug
D. Piling, strewn
E. None of the above

4. A combination of panic, public pressure and comprehension of the magnitude of the crisis that India is in seems to have __________the Centre to authorise vaccines to anyone above 18 and give States more control over_____________.

A. Hastened, Auctioning

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B. Prompted, procurement
C. deterred, reification
D. Restrained, Attainment
E. None of the above

5. The pandemic offered an opportunity to initiate ___________reforms in the structure of the academic term and the nature of continuous ____________.
A. Sustainable, assessment
B. Tenable, abstention
C. Refutable, Appraisal
D. Absurd, nescience
E. None of the above

6) The Supreme Court on Mondayasked the Centre and states to _______________ registration of migrantworkers so that they can draw thebenefits extended to them _______________ the pandemic times.
A. Speed up, beside
B. Decrease, among
C. Expedite, amid
D. Increase, however
E. None of the above

7) With no oneto care for stray animals, which survive by _______________ leftovers along the roadside and outside eateries, animal lovers from Hailakandi have come together to ______________ them in this situation of COVID-
19 pandemic.
A. Licking, Rescue
B. Munching, feed
C. Eating, collaborate
D. Restaurant, eat
E. None of the above

8) Village Defence Party (VDP) members and police officials, on Saturday, pledgedto work together _________________ to curb illegal sale of liquor and drugs in Karimganj district's Badarpur, which haswitnessed an ________________ of suchunlawful activities in the lastfew months.

A. Aggressively, upsurge
B. Collaboratively, plunging
C. Rigorously, decrease
D. United, Surge
E. None of the above

9) Alcohol intake should be avoided after getting the first jab of the Covid-19 vaccine for some days and _______________ should also be maintained after the second jab for some days, health experts said on Monday, as alcohol can _________________ the effect of the vaccine.

A. Drinking, alter
B. Distance, prompt
C. Intake, progress
D. Abstinence, hamper
E. None of the above

10) Olympic-bound Indianwrestler Deepak Punia onTuesday _________________of the PolandOpen to avoid __________________ hisleft-elbow injury that he carriedinto the last Ranking Seriesevent before the Tokyo Games.

A. Pulled off, aggressive
B. Pulled out, aggravating
C. Resigned, injuring
D. Success, hurting
E. None of the above

11)

(a) Shah Rukh Khan and AR Rehman to ___________ tourists at Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018.

(b) The ____________ on the river water in the morning hurts my eyes.

A. Impress
B. Felicitate
C. Dazzle
D. Venerate
E. None of the above

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(a) In 2011, the Supreme Court asked the CBI to probe if then telecom minister DayanidhiMaran had received ______________ in the acquisition of Aircel by Malaysian company Maxis.

(b) The officers of this organization always receives_______________, that's the only way to get anything done here.

A. Awards

B. Kickbacks

C. Jail

D. Profits

E. None of the above

13)

(a) Even though post-lockdown ridership in uber services is inching up, experts are almost ____________ that profits for the company is unlikely to creep back to the pre-Covid normal.

(b) The judges are ___________ in their verdict of hanging the culprit.

A. Opined

B. Unitedly

C. Courted

D. Unanimous

E. None of the above

14)

(a) At only 19, he is the most heralded young player in the game and certainly the most exciting. He is part of French squad _____________with ability.

(b) His ____________ presence filled everyone in the room with excitement.

A. Bristling

B. Attitude

C. Compassion

D. Aptitude

E. None of the above

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15) *(a)* Recent research suggests worrying can also have some surprising benefits. It can help you identify deep-seated concerns and _____________ you to address them.

(b) The establishment of a car manufacturing company will_________________ employment in the area.

A. Honor

B. Spur

C. Encouraging

D. Glut

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Vehicles of those loitering without any purpose would be seized, the Commissioner warned.

Loitering – dawdling, loafing

Seized, Extricated – confiscated

2. Answer: A

Motorists travelling on the Chennai Radial Road were affected by smoke induced pollution after a fire engulfed the garbage transit yard.

Induced – persuaded, convinced

Engulfed – inundated, deluged

Restrained – reticent, moderate

3. Answer: D

Mounds of unsegregated garbage have been piling up in the garbage segregation yard belonging to Chennai Municipality, with waste strewn on the road margins.

Piling – heaping, mounting

Strewn – dispersed, spread

4. Answer: B

A combination of panic, public pressure and comprehension of the magnitude of the crisis that India is in seems to have prompted the Centre to authorise vaccines to anyone above 18 and give States more control over procurement.

Prompted – produced, triggered

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Procurement – attainment, acquisition

5. Answer: A

The pandemic offered an opportunity to initiate sustainable reforms in the structure of the academic term and the nature of continuous assessment.

Sustainable – tenable, defensible

Assessment – evaluation, judgment

Absurd - ridiculous

Refutable – untenable

Nescience – ignorance

6) Answer: C

Expedite(speed up), amid is the correct order of wordscontextually.

7) Answer: B

Munching(to eat vigorously or with excitement), feed is the correct order of wordscontextually.

8) Answer: A

Aggressively, upsurge(increase) is the correct order of words contextually and the second blank should be occupied by vowel sounding words since it is preceded by 'an' article, hence the only such word is given in option a

9) Answer: D

Abstinence(the practice of self denial), hinder(obstruct) is the correct order of wordscontextually.

10) Answer: B

pulled out(withdraw from an undertaking), aggravating (intensify) is the correct order of words contextually.

11) Answer: C

Dazzle (impress as per first statement, over brightness as per second statement)

12) Answer: B

Kickbacks (illegal payment in return for a favor)

13) Answer: D

Unanimous (united)

14) Answer: A

Bristling (full of energy)

15) Answer: B Spur (encourage), glut(excess)

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15 Single/Double Fillers Shot – 100

Directions: Each question below hastwo blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make it meaningful and coherent.

1) Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of _________, a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might ________over his negative experience of it.

A. Earning, transcend
B. Redemption, triumph
C. Livelihood, share
D. Deprivation, surpassed
E. Reduction, transfer

2) A large number of people ______ on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy ____ in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

A. conglomerate, condolences
B. takeover, dressing
C. attacked, participation
D. meet, bathe
E. gathered, dip

3) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has ________ that all government schoolsstart providing free breakfast in the coming academic year, as part of an _______ of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

A. order, diversification
B. thought, building-up
C. recommended, extension
D. ordeal, expenditure
E. recommending, expansion

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4) Governments can play a critical role in this regard by _______ laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers' ________ in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

A. Enacting, Contribution
B. Produce, sharing
C. Making, involve
D. Introducing, contending
E. Provision, partaking

5) The surrendered or cancelled flats will be _______ to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their ______ for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

A. Allotment, permission
B. Given, Granted
C. Allotted, consent
D. Returned, Refuse
E. Sanction, approval

6) Amid __________ incidents of violence, more than 80.43% voters exercised their _____________ in the second phase of polling in West Bengal in 30 seats spread across four districts.

A. Stray, franchise
B. Methodical, Obligation
C. Willful, Disability
D. Conscious, Liability
E. None of these

7) A galaxy of high- profile BJP and Congress leaders has ___________ in Kerala in a lastminute bid to turn the ___________ of the electoral battle against the LDF government.

A. Cause, rectify
B. Source, amplify
C. Predecessor, concede
D. Descended, tide

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E. None of these

8) Tedros, who has been accused of ___________ towards China, hardened his tone acknowledging the _________ about China's refusal to share raw data about early Covid-19 cases.

A. Bashfulness rejects

B. Passivity, slights

C. Complacency, concerns

D. Timidity covers

E. Altruism, pertains

9) Kumbh Mela in Haridwar witnessed a low __________ of devotees at Har Ki Paurighat on the first day amid the __________ cases of Covid-19.

A. Stride, raising

B. Footfall, rising

C. Vestige, sailing

D. Trail, Crumbling

E. None of these

10) The Supreme Court has cautioned courts against mechanically ___________ bail in heinous offences, saying the seriousness of the charge is a basic consideration before setting an accused ____________ on bail.

A. Granting, free

B. Granted, less

C. Refused, captive

D. Denying, confine

E. None of these

11) The government must ensure a transparent and --------- effort for framing a new law, which puts the environment and people at the --------.

A. Innovative, prominent

B. Collaborative, forefront

C. Retrospect, foreground

D. Restricted, recklessness

E. Powerful, Insecurity

12) -------- all doubts and fears regarding the Covid-19 vaccines, Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan during the Question Hour in the

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LokSabha said there should be no misconception -------- the vaccines.

A. Aside, connection
B. Ignoring, related
C. Intensifying, producing
D. Allay, relating
E. Banishing, regarding

13) The Centre ------- Delhi High Court that WhatsApp must be ------- from implementing its new privacy policy.

A. Requested, granted
B. Fined, commencement
C. Urges, restrained
D. Denying, permitted
E. Propelled, constant

14) The video shows the elephant ------- down a crowded street as a group of people chase the animal while laughing and --------.

A. Knocked, threatened
B. Break, chortling
C. Laid, giggled]'
D. Running, cheering
E. Turning, creeping

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Redemption- the action of being saved from evil;
Triumph- a very great success, victory
Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of redemption, a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might triumphover his negative experience of it.

2) Answer: E

Gathered will be used in the first blank because; the large number of + Noun Always takes the singular form of the verb or 2nd form of the verb. As the sentence is denoting the gathering after overnight, we'll use the 2nd form of the verb.

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Dip- bathe, sink

A large number of people gathered on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy dip in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

3) Answer: C

Recommended- suggested;

Extension- expansion, increase

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has recommended that all government schools start providing free breakfast in the coming academic year as part of an extension of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

4) Answer: A

Enacting- passing a law;

Contribution- participation

Governments can play a critical role in this regard by enacting laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers' contribution in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

5) Answer: C

Allotted- to give the share of something to someone;

Consent- to give assent or approval

The surrendered or cancelled flats will be allotted to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their consent for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

6) Answer: A

Stray: -to not keep to the subject you should be thinking about or discussing, unexpected

Franchise: - official permission to sell a company's goods or services in a particular area, permission, sanction

Amid stray incidents of violence, more than 80.43% voters exercised their franchise in the second phase of polling in West Bengal in 30 seats spread across four districts.

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7) Answer: D

Descended: - Go down, decline, drop fall

Tide: -the way that most people think or feel
about something at a particular time

A galaxy of high- profile BJP and Congress leaders has descended on Kerala in a lastminute bid to turn the tide of the electoral battle against the LDF government.

8) Answer: C

Complacency: - Triumph, pride

Concerns: - Worry distress

Tedros, who has been accused of complacency towards China, hardened his tone acknowledging the concerns about China's refusal to share raw data about early Covid-19 cases.

9) Answer: B

Footfall: - the total number of people who visit a
shop, place, etc. over a particular period of time

Rising: - Arise, get up

Kumbh Mela in Haridwar witnessed a low footfall of devotees at Har Ki Paurighat on the first day amid the rising cases of Covid-19.

10) Answer: A

Granting: - to (officially) give somebody what
he/she has asked for

Free: - to take away something that is unpleasant from somebody

The Supreme Court has cautioned courts against mechanically granting bail in heinous offences, saying the seriousness of the charge is a basic consideration before setting an accused free on bail.

11) Answer: B

Collaborative- cooperative, multidisciplinary

Forefront- frontline, foreground

Retrospect- related to the past

Innovative- visionary, artistic

Prominent (adj) - important, eminent

Foreground (noun) - prominence

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Recklessness (noun) –carelessness, desperation
Restricted- confined, held back
Insecurity- uncertainty, doubt
Powerful- mighty, strong, omnipotent
The government must ensure a transparent and collaborative effort for framing a new law, which puts the environment and people at the forefront.
'Retrospect' is not the correct word here.

12) Answer: E

Banishing (gerund) - Allaying, refusing
Allay- decrease, mollify
Regarding- relating, in connection with
(OPPOSITE) - disregarding, ignoring
Intensifying- deepening, sharpening
Aside- at rest, apart
Producing- Developing, creating
Connection- link, relation
A Sentence can start with "gerund".
Banishing all doubts and fears regarding the Covid-19 vaccines, Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan during the Question Hour in the LokSabha said there should be no misconception regarding the vaccines.

13) Answer: C

Urges- propels, sanctions, requests
Restrained- restricted
(OPPOSITE) – permitted, granted, free
Fined- seized, penalized
Commencement- beginning
Constant- uniform, steady
The Centre urges Delhi High Court that WhatsApp must be restrained from implementing its new privacy policy. Restrained from (phrasal verb) - to prevent somebody or something from doing something

14) Answer: D

Running- working, moving, fleeing
Cheering- supporting, helpful

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Turning-shifting, whirling
Creeping- moving slowly, staggering
Laid- wagered, posed
Giggled- laughed, tittered
Chortling- chuckling, giggling, cackling
Knocked- bumped, criticized
Threatened- warned, imperiled
The video shows the elephant running down a crowded street as a group of people chase the animal while laughing and cheering.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 101

Directions: In the questions below, a sentence is given with three blanks. Choose the correct order of the words from the set of words given below the sentence.

1) Corporate America was ------------ last week when Trump threatened to impose ---------- taxes on Mexican imports in a push to ----------- the flow of Central American migrants into the United States.

(A) Stop
(B) Credulous
(C) Initiate
(D) Foment
(E) Blindsided
(F) Crippling
A) ADB
B) CFD
C) EBC
D) EFA
E) None of the above

2) Encryption is the practice of -------------- data to make it ----------- for even the service providers. Technologists and privacy experts have always argued that breaking encryption is the first step towards the government ---------------- on its own citizens to curb fake news.

(A) Unintelligible
(B) Surveillance
(C) Supplant
(D) Propitiate
(E) Scrambling
(F) Venality
A) ADB
B) CAF
C) EAB
D) EFA

E) None of the above

3) Indian state refiners are --------- to cut oil imports from Saudi Arabia by about a quarter in May compared to average monthly purchases, two sources ---------- to the matter said, after the government asked them to cut ----------- on Middle Eastern supplies.

(A) Polemical
(B) Import
(C) Preparing
(D) Privy
(E) Starting
(F) Dependence
A) CDF
B) CAE
C) EAB
D) EFA
E) None of the above

4) The adverse health effects and ---------- nature of goods (substances) such as tobacco and alcohol are well known. This has led several countries to implement a tax on these goods, commonly referred to as sin taxes. These taxes - ------------ government revenue for healthcare services and, simultaneously ------------- the consumption of such products.

(A) Increase
(B) Decrease
(C) Deadly
(D) Encourage
(E) Hazardous
(F) Discourage
A) EBA
B) CAB
C) CBD
D) EAF
E) None of the above

Directions: In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below the sentence in the options, there are five words out of which one can be used to fill the blank to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate word that fits into the blank contextually.

5) India was allegedly forced to dismantle some military structures as a part of the resolution process when China ______________ into Depsang Valley.

A. Attribute
B. Abruptly
C. Illusory
D. Encroached
E. Imminent

6) The Centre _____________ the apex court on the question of forming an independent regulator.

A. Impassive
B. Rebuffed
C. Ingenious
D. Linguistic
E. Perceive

7) If Roger Federer's wizardry has elevated the sport to unseen levels ______________, Rafael Nadal's rugged artistry has stretched it to athletic extremes.

A. Benevolent
B. Apathetic
C. Aesthetically
D. Abundant
E. Pernicious

8) It hardly needs ___________ that India's capacities can only be built by a united people committed to the national cause.

A. Reiteration
B. Penury
C. Mansion
D. Grandeur
E. Poverty

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1) Answer: D

Correct option is EFA

Corporate America was blindsided last week when Trump threatened to impose crippling taxes on Mexican imports in a push to stop the flow of Central American migrants into the
United States.

Correct words are:

Blindsided – blow; to attack, especially by advancing suddenly and quickly

Crippling - Bringing harm

Meanings of other words as follows:

Credulous - gullible, naïve; excessively ready to believe things

Foment - To incite or cause troublesome acts; to be on the verge of transpiring, occurring or happening

2) Answer: C

Correct option is EAB

Encryption is the practice of scrambling data to make it unintelligible for even the service providers. Technologists and privacy experts have always argued that breaking encryption is the first step towards government surveillance on its own citizens to curb fake news.

Correct words are:

Scrambling - to cause disarray or disorganization in the order of

Unintelligible – incomprehensible, unfathomable

Surveillance- observation

Meanings of other words as follows:

Venality - the state of being capable of being bribed

Propitiate – Pacify

Supplant - to overtake or replace

3) Answer: A

Correct words are: CDF

Indian state refiners are preparing to cut oil imports from Saudi Arabia by about a quarter in May compared to average monthly purchases, two sources privy to the matter said, after the government asked them to cut dependence on Middle Eastern supplies

Privy – confidential, intended to be kept secret

Meanings of other words as follows:

Polemical - angry, hostile, harshly critical

4) Answer: D

Correct words are: EAF

The adverse health effects and hazardous nature of goods (substances) such as tobacco and alcohol are well known. This has led several countries to implement a tax on these goods, commonly referred to as sin taxes. These taxes increase government revenue for healthcare services and simultaneously discourage the consumption of such products. The given sentence means to say - Imposing tax on tobacco goods leads to increase in revenue as well as discourages the consumption of such products.

5) Answer: D

Correct answer is Encroached

Encroached-intrude on (a person's territory, rights, personal life etc)

Attribute - regard something as being caused by.

Abruptly - suddenly and unexpectedly.

Illusory - based on illusion; not real.

Imminent - about to happen.

6) Answer: B

Correct answer is - Rebuffed

Rebuffed- reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner

Impassive - not feeling or showing emotion.

Ingenious - (of a person) clever, original, and inventive.

Linguistic - relating to language or linguistics.

Perceive - become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand.

7) Answer: C

Correct answer is Aesthetically

Aesthetically-In a way that gives you pleasure relating to the beauty of something

Benevolent - well-meaning and kindly.

Apathetic - showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Abundant - existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.

Pernicious - having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

8) Answer: A

Correct answer is Reiteration

Reiteration – the action of repeating something, typically for emphasis or clarity

Penury -the state of being very poor; extreme poverty.

Mansion - a large, impressive house.

Grandeur - impressiveness, especially of appearance or style.

Poverty - the state of being extremely poor.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 102

Directions: There are two blank spaces in each sentence. Choose the pair of words from the given options which fits appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

1) ***The RBI's early February__________________of continuing pressures in the prices of pulses and oils has been_______________ out by the last two months' CPI data.***

A. Capacious, aggressive

B. Aware, capture

C. Prognostication, borne

D. Collapse, obscene

E. Cluster, consistent

2) ***Another equally _____________________source of inflationary pressure is the continuing upward_________________ in the prices of petroleum products.***

A. Courageous, democratic

B. Worrisome, trajectory

C. Element, embrace

D. Evolve, identify

E. Dispute, cluster

3) ***Any effort to _______________ the focus in a purported bid to prioritize growth, risks putting the economy on a ___________________ path that may secure neither objective.***

A. impressive, involved

B. Inevitable, element

C. Collapse, increase

D. dilute, perilous

E. Combine, smooth

4) ***China's intention evidently is to keep India in_______, while outwardly demonstrating a ______________ posture.***

A. Acknowledge, chorus

B. Prediction, gathering

C. Privy, cognizant

D. acquainted, hectic

E. Thrall, conciliatory

5) *Indian cyber ________________ sets no ____________ on targets.*

A. Espionage, limitations

B. supple, vicious

C. Petitioner, predicament

D. Imitations, tenants

E. Dispute, embrace

6) Security ________ have been deployed in southeast Delhi's Harijan Basti in Sarai Kale Khan after a mob ______ attacked the house of a 22-year old man for marrying a woman from another community.

A. Reasons, cruelly

B. Personnel, allegedly

C. Personals, purportedly

D. Employees, truth

E. Assistance, brutal

7) Teachers must ________ teaching materials to enable issues to be investigated from a wide variety of perspectives: locally, ______, and internationally.

A. Opt, nationality

B. Adopting, nationwide

C. Adapt, nationally

D. Accommodated, whole

E. know, national

8) The perception ______ some readers is that the newspaper had resorted to one form of selfcensorship or the other in the two cases- one is not naming a senior police officer in a sexual harassment case and the other in not ______ about shrinking academic freedom.

A. Among, announced

B. between, reporting

C. Behind, report

D. Between, detailing

E. Among, reporting

9) Women everywhere carry a disproportionately higher burden of unpaid work namely, unpaid _____ services as well as unpaid care of children, the old and the disabled for their _____ households.

A. domestic, respective

B. household, respectful

C. daily, individually

D. separate, personnel

E. familiar, specifically

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The RBI's early February prognostication of continuing pressures in the prices of pulses and oils has been borne out by the last two months' CPI data.

Prognostication means the action of prophesying future events. Borne means produced, endured.

Capacious means having a lot of space inside; roomy.

Aggressive means behaving or done in a determined and forceful way.

Aware means having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

Capture means to take into one's possession or control by force.

Collapse means to fall or shrink together abruptly and completely

Obscene means offending against moral principles; repugnant

Cluster means a group of similar things

Consistent means acting or done in the same way over time,

2) Answer: B

Another equally worrisome source of inflationary pressure is the continuing upward trajectory in the prices of petroleum products.

Worrisome means causing anxiety or concern.

Trajectory means the path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces.

Courageous means not deterred by danger or pain; brave.

Democratic means relating to or supporting democracy or its principles.

Element means an essential or characteristic part of something abstract.

Embrace means accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.

Evolve means develop gradually.

Identify means establish or indicate who or what (someone or something) is.

Dispute means to argue or debate about; discuss.

3) Answer: D

Any effort to dilute the focus in a purported bid to prioritize growth, risks putting the economy on a perilous path that may secure neither objective

Dilute means to lessen the strength

Perilous means full of danger or risk.

Impressive means evoking admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand, imposing, or awesome

Inevitable means unable to be avoided, evaded, or escaped; certain; fated:

Involved means difficult to understand; complicated.

4) Answer: E

China's intention evidently is to keep India in thrall, while outwardly demonstrating a conciliatory posture.

Thrall means the state of being in someone's power, or of having great power over someone.

Conciliatory- intended or likely to placate or pacify.

Acknowledge- accept or admit the existence or truth of.

Chorus- a part of a song which is repeated after each verse.

Prediction- a thing predicted; a forecast.

Gathering- come together; assemble or accumulate.

Privy means sharing in the knowledge of Cognizant means having knowledge or awareness

Acquainted means make someone aware of or familiar with Hectic means full of incessant or frantic activity.

5) Answer: A

Indian cyber espionage sets no limitations on targets.

Espionage means the act of obtaining secret or confidential information or divulging of the same without the permission of the holder of the information

Supple means bending and moving easily and gracefully

vicious means deliberately cruel or violent

Petitioner means a person who presents a petition to an authority in respect of a particular cause

Predicament means a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

Imitations mean the action of using someone or something as a model.

Tenants mean a person who occupies land or property rented from a landlord.

6) Answer: B

Personnel, allegedly

Personnel- employees, workforce

Allegedly- supposedly

Security personnel have been deployed in southeast Delhi's Harijan Basti in Sarai Kale Khan after a mob allegedly attacked the ho use of a 22-year old man for marrying a woman from another community.

7) Answer: C

Adapt, nationally

Adapt- make (something) suitable for a new use or purpose, modify.

Nationally (adverb) - in a way that relates to a whole nation

Teachers must adapt teaching materials to enable issues to be investigated from a wide variety of perspectives: locally, nationally, and internationally.

8) Answer: E

Among, reporting

Among is used for more than two persons while between is used to comparing two persons/things. The perception among some readers is that the newspaper had resorted to one form of selfcensorship or the other in the two cases- one is not naming a senior police officer in a sexual harassment case and the other in not reporting about shrinking academic freedom.

9) Answer: A

domestic, respective

Women everywhere carry a disproportionately higher burden of unpaid work namely, unpaid domestic services as well as unpaid care of children, the old and the disabled for their respective households.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 103

Directions: In each of the following questions, two statements are given with a blank in each. Below each question, five prepositions are given, one of which could fit in both the blanks to make each statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the blank in each case.

1)

(I) India reported 3,32,730 new daily cases on Friday, the highest single day tally anywhere globally. Rising cases have been one of the main factors ___________ the recent fall in the rupee, but the RBI's decision to commit to large bond purchases has added to downside momentum.

(II) Studying crystal-growth in microgravity reveals the fundamental physics ________ micro particleself-assembly and the kinds of colloidal structures that can be fabricated.

A.Alongside

B.Besides

C.For

D.With

E. Behind

2)

(I) Pending cases are a result of a systemic failure and ad hoc judges brought up in the said system are not going to perform any better ______ straining the exchequer.

(II) Amid the myriad speculationshovering the robbery case, I ought to have told the police, _____ they'd never have believed me.

A.for

B.towards

C.about

D.except

E. beside

3)

(I) Immunity also includes a cellular level response that can generate cross reactivity and so we can still expect a good antibody response which is why all vaccines, ________ the variant, will be fairly protective (against disease).

(II) The Chief Justice did not even order the government to issue notify cations for the appointment of judges where the collegium had unanimously reiterated its recommendations_______ the government procrastinating over them for a long.

A.Inspite

B.For

C.Despite

D.Behind

E.With

4)

(I) In the face of the COVID19 crisis, the Reserve Bank had disallowed all banks from declaring any dividend for FY20, as the focus shifted to conserving capital ______ an uncertain environment.

(II) The arrest of the Bathiudeen brothers comes _______ growing calls from the Catholic church and political opposition for the government to expedite and complete the probe into the incident, a poll pledge of President GotabayaRajapaksa.

A.amid

B.for

C.between

D.during

E. following

5)

(I) The Indian Navy on Thursday dispatched its deep submergence rescue vessel (DSRV) from Visakhapatnam to support the Indonesian Navy in the search and rescue efforts for its submarine KRI Nanggala that went missing on Wednesday with 53 personnel ___________.

(II) All Sophia had to work on was select from the spectrum she wanted to flaunt-- blue for the last several days in quiet objection to her presence ____________ the ship-- and the ship's computer yearned it for her.

A.above

B.before

C.around

D.along
E. Aboard

Solutions

1) Answer: E

- Sentence (I) cites rising cases or the pandemic is causing the fall in rupee. Therefore, we can say the pandemic is responsible for the fall in rupee. Sentence (II) implies that a study has revealed that microparticleself-assembly is guided by physics. 'Behind' has both the meanings the above two sentences require and hence is the correct option. Alongside means 'next to' and hence irrelevant. Besides means 'in addition to' and hence irrelevant. 'For'as well as 'with' doesn't fit in both the sentences.

2) Answer: D

Sentence (I) cites that appointing ad hoc judges will do nothing other than costing the government ('straining the exchequer'). Sentence (II) cites that the person wished to tell the police but after the blank it cites the police had never believed him. Therefore, 'except' means 'not including; other than' which contains both the meaning stated above and hence fits as the most valid option.Rest of the options are irrelevant.

3) Answer: C

- Sentence (I) cites that we can expect a good antibody response because of which all vaccines will be fairly protective. Since it is saying 'all vaccines', that means the variant doesn't matter. Sentence (II) cites that the Chief Justice did not order the government to issue any notifications rather the collegium had reiterated its recommendations irrespective of government's actions. Therefore, 'despite' meaning 'without being affected by; in spite of' is the most valid option. 'Inspite of' is synonymous to despite but in the option 'of' is missing. Rest all the options are invalid.

4) Answer: A

- Sentence (I) cites that the RBI had disallowed all banks from declaring any dividend for FY20 as it is surrounded by an uncertain environment. Sentence (II) cites that the arrest of the Bathiudeen brothers is surrounded by or against a background of growing calls from Church. Therefore, 'amid',which supports both the meanings, correctly fits both the sentences. Rest all the options are invalid.

5) Answer: E

- Sentence (I) cites that the submarine had 53 personnel and Sentence (II) speaks about Sophia's presence on the ship. Therefore 'aboard' meaning 'on or into' correctly fits both the sentences. Rest all the options are invalid.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 104

Directions: In each of the questions, two sentences are given below, in which a blank is given and that blank is related to homophones, you are required to choose the correct order of homophone pair.

1)

(i) In the first half of the 19th century, economic growth allowed some developing nations to ______ faster than developed nations in North America and Asia.

(ii) In 19th century, the French used to dance a ______ in the duple time, as a leisurely pleasure.

A) Galop, Galop
B) Gallop, Gallop
C) Galop, Gallop
D) Gallop, Galop
E) None of the above

2)

(i) Around the world, the vaccine rollout has been painfully slow, particularly in poorer countries as the richer ones ______ their vaccine patents.

(ii) The city is instituting an 8 p.m. curfew and declaring a state of emergency to try to get the _____ of Spring Breakers who have flooded the area under control.

A) Horde, Horde
B) Horde, Hoard
C) Hoard, Hoard
D) Hoard, Horde
E) None of the above

3)

(i) Taylor's death, and the failure to _______ the officers, spotlighted the rallying cry for justice for Black women who have died at the hands of police.

(ii) The manager, in his early retirement age, who once was as aggressive an employee as an athlete became feeble and couldn’t even ___________ a sanction proposal.

A) Indict, Indict

B) Indite, Indite
C) Indict, Indite
D) Indite, Indict
E) None of the above

4)

(i) Deslyn remembers the day with perfect clarity, her teenage son, a senior in high school, _____ in the front seat of the family car, she did not understand what was wrong.

(ii) Without the efforts of conservationists, the world would have no _______ eagles, black rhinos, or whooping cranes.

A) Bald, Bald
B) Bawled, Bawled
C) Bald, Bawled
D) None of these
E) Bawled, Bald

5)

(i) Maxwell, the daughter of the late British press ______ Robert Maxwell, was born in France on Christmas Day in 1961.

(ii) The littlest things, like watching the tree outside of the bedroom window go from _____ in March, to flowering in April, to full and green in May.

A) Baron, Barren
B) Baron, Baron
C) Barren, Barren
D) Barren, Baron
E) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: D

‘Gallop’ means a rapid or hasty progression or pace.

‘Galop’ is a form of 19th century dance in France.

The jump of a horse is also called gallop. Therefore, a jump can also be seen abstractly as a rapid progress. So, we can remember both the meanings in this way.

2) Answer: D

‘Hoard’ means to collect and often hide away a supply of something.

‘Horde’ means a large unorganized group of individuals: a teeming crowd or throng.

3) Answer: C

‘Indict’ means to charge with a crime.

‘Indite’ means to put down in writing.

4) Answer: E

‘Bawled’ means to cry out loudly and unrestrainedly.

‘Bald’ means lacking a natural or usual covering
(as of hair, vegetation, or nap).

5) Answer: A

‘Baron’ means a man who possesses great power or influence in some field of activity.

‘Barren’ means an extent of usually level land having an inferior growth of trees or little vegetation.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 105

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence with two blanks is given, indicating that something has been omitted. The sentence is followed by two columns, I and II, each carrying three words. One or more than one of the three words mentioned in column I will fill the first blank. Similarly, one or more than one of three words mentioned in column II will fill the second blank. You have to identify the correct pair (s) of the words that would fill the blanks to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful and mark the relevant option as your answer.

1) The Metro depot which was _____ in 2015, was finally started in 2019 and has now come back to ground zero – finalising the site – Kanjurmarg, albeit _______ massive losses to the 6 year long project.

I	II
a. found	d. acrimonious
b. sanctioned	e. acrid
c. called	f. incurring

A. a-e & b-e
B. a-e & c-d
C. a-d & c-f
D. c-f
E. b-f

2) The department is ______ on an initial investment of Rs 1000-2000 crore in the private sector for ____ modern healthcare institutions in Jammu and Srinagar to provide the best health care services to the public.

I	II
a. resolving	d. formation
b. circumvoluting	e. building
c. eyeing	f. cause

A. a-f & b-e
B. a-d
C. a-d & c-f
D. c-e
E. b-f

3) Paintings commissioned by ______ of the East India Company during the late 18th and early 19th Centuries are currently on show in an _____ at the Wallace Collection in London.

I	II
a. patrons	d. spectacle
b. backer	e. exhibition
d. financier	f. exposition

A. a-e & a-f
B. b-d & b-f
C. c-d & c-f
D. a-f
E. b-f

4) As the world ____ from the impact of COVID-19, evidence from the Amazon shows that the pandemic disproportionately ______ remote indigenous people.

I	II
a. reels	d. overwhelm
b. stagger	e. devastating
c. lurching	f.affects

A. a-f & b-e
B. a-e & c-d
C. a-f
D. c-d & c-f
E. b-d & c-e

Directions: In the questions given below, two sentences are given with a blank each. Find the suitable word from the given options that fits both the blanks contextually and grammatically.

5)

1) This year's UN summit has been accompanied by the usual round of ------------ phrases about the need to end poverty.

2) The script is ------------, riddled with stereotypes and offers nothing that hasn't been seen in every single gangster film ever made.

A. Wistful

B. Intractable

C. Hackneyed

D. Unctuous

E. None of the above

6)

1) Prisons are designed to transform a regretted crime into ------------ behavior through penalties and punishment.

2) The ------------- young boy apologized to his parents for breaking the window and took on extra household chores to cover the cost of repairing it.

A. Phlegmatic

B. Haughty

C. Contrite

D. Staunch

E. None of the above

7)

1) Individuals who are serious about becoming doctors should be prepared to ------------ a demanding educational journey.

2) The defense agencies could use the remotecontrolled vehicle to ---------- minefields.

A. Traverse

B. Burnish

C. Droll

D. Stupefy

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: E

We need to find the perfect set of words that can fit both the blanks and make the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct. We need a verb in the first blank. Here ‘sanctioned’ is the only word that can fit the first blank. ‘Sanction’ means to give official permission or approval for an action. In the second blank ‘incurring’ is the perfect fit. The word ‘incur’ means become subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one’s own behaviour or actions. The other words if used in the second blank make no sense. Both the words ‘acrimonious’ and ‘acrid’ mean bitter or toxic. So, option E
is the correct answer.

2. Answer: D

We need to find the perfect set of words that can fit both the blanks and make sentence both grammatically and contextually correct. We need a verb in the first blank as well as in the second blank. The word ‘eyeing’ here means considering or having interest in something. So it fits in first blank. In case of second blank the word ‘building’ can only fit in the given context and render a proper sense to the sentence. The other words do not fit in the blank. So option D is the right answer.
Circumvolution: a winding movement, especially of one thing around another.
Resolving: deciding firmly on a course of action.

3. Answer: A

‘Patrons’, ‘backer’ and ‘financier’ are synonymous and refer to a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization or cause. But ‘patrons’ is the plural form and is apt for the blank. This is because no indefinite article ‘a’ is used to denote thata singular noun will precede the given blank. ‘Spectacle’, ‘exhibition’ and ‘exposition’ are synonymous and refer to public display of words of arts or items of interest, held in art or gallery or museum or at the trade fair. But only ‘exhibition’ and ‘exposition’ can fit the blank as the blank is preceded by the article ‘an’. So option A is the correct answer.

4. Answer: C

The sentence states that as the world is staggering from the impact of COVID-19, it is influencing the lives of remote indigenous people from the Amazon forest. Now for the first blank as the subject is singular (the world) the verb in the blank should be singular. Among the given words only the word ‘reels’ fits. Similarly for the second blank subject is the pandemic which is singular so it also must carry a singular verb. So option (c) is correct here.

Reels (v): If you are reeling under a shock, you are feeling extremely surprised or upset because of it.

E.g. I'm still reeling under the shock of hearing of it.

Stagger: (v)walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall.

Lurching (v): make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement or series of movements; stagger.

5) Answer: C

“Option c” fits perfectly.

hackneyed - Very typical of a certain kind of person or thing; Repeated too often

This year's UN summit has been accompanied by the usual round of hackneyed phrases about the need to end poverty.

The script is hackneyed, riddled with stereotypes and offers nothing that hasn't been seen in every single gangster film ever made.

Meanings of other words:

wistful – longing; full of yearning or longing If you ask about her previous boyfriend and she gets a small, wistful smile on her face, change the subject.

Intractable – uncontrollable; Hard to control or deal with

Germany, with its intractable economic problems, is seriously considering it.

Unctuous - Characterized by a lack of sincerity.

6) Answer: C

“Option c” fits perfectly.

Contrite - Feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong

1) Prisons are designed to transform a regretted crime into contrite behavior through penalties and punishment.

2) The contrite young boy apologized to his parents for breaking the window and took on extra household chores to cover the cost of repairing it.

Meanings of other words:

phlegmatic - Not easily excited to action or passion
haughty - Arrogantly superior and disdainful
staunch - Very loyal and committed in attitude

7) Answer: A

"Option a" fits perfectly.
Traverse – journey; to travel a rough path;
1) Individuals who are serious about becoming doctors should be prepared to traverse a demanding educational journey.
2) The defense agencies could use the remotecontrolled vehicle to traverse minefields.
Meanings of other words:
burnish – polish; To make as good as possible
Droll – humorous; Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement
stupefy - To make (someone) unable to think or feel properly

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 106

Directions: In the given question one statement with a blank is given along with five words, three of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words is given. Pick up the combination of words that fits into the blank.

1. The income of the children engaged in child labour is too _____ to have any significant effect on the economic condition of their families.

a) Meagre
b) Limited
c) Scarce
d) Prevalent
e) Outraging
A) abc
B) cde
C) abd
D) bde
E) cea

2. The Finance Ministry seems to be having second thoughts on whether to give ____ to a growing demand from the auto industry for goods and service tax (GST) rate cuts, given the hole it might burn in the revenues.

a) Accent
b) Consent
c) Approval
d) Accede
e) Ascent
A) cde
B) bcd
C) bde
D) acd
E) cab

3. The monsoon has now further ______ into Maldives-Comorin area, some more parts of south Bay of Bengal and covered Andaman Sea along with Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

a) Retaliated
b) Advanced
c) Directed
d) Forwarded
e) Progressed
A) abc
B) bce
C) bde
D) bcd
E) abe

4. There is need to ______ skills and technological capabilities to connect manufacturing activities to the global value chain with consistency and reliability of quality and standard of products.

a) Harness
b) Jovial
c) Exercise
d) Warranted
e) Utilize
A) bad
B) cde
C) bcd
D) adc
E) ace

Directions: In the questions given below, two sentences are given with a blank each. Find the suitable word from the given options that fits both the blanks contextually and grammatically.

5)

1) Many developing and poor nations, however, are stuck in a ----------- of debt and impoverishment, no matter how much assistance they receive.

2) Torrential rain was quickly turning the building-site into a -------------.

A. Streamline
B. Trenchant
C. Temerity
D. Quagmire
E. None of the above

6)

1) The Federal Reserve chairman is famous for his opaque remarks and ----------- topics.
2) Most of the medical research on the subject seems -------- to the average man.

A. Correct
B. Abstruse
C. Debunk
D. Valid
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The sentence implies that the income of the children does not have a significant effect on the economic condition of their families because their income is too low. Meagre means '(of something provided or available)' lacking in quantity or quality. Scarce: insufficient, not plenty in amount. Limited is also synonym of scarce and meagre.

So the words scarce, meagre and limited are perfect fit for the blank. Hence option A is the correct answer.

2. Answer: B

"Ascent" means to ascend or go upward and
"accent" means "articulation of words" both which are irrelevant here. "Accede" means "to agree". Which is suitable for the blank contextually.

Consent: to give approval, to permit or agree.

So, consent and approval synonymous to accede. Hence option B is the correct answer.

3. Answer: C

The word 'retaliate' means to make an attack in return for a similar attack'. This does not fit the given blank.

The word advanced means proceeded or moved further'. 'Directed' means directed control the operations of; manage or govern'. It also mean 'to point towards a particular direction'. This does not fit in the blank.

Forward- onward, ahead

Progressing- to move forward.

Forward and progressing are synonymous to advanced. Hence option C is the correct answer.

4. Answer: E

The word harness means 'make practical and effective use of' it makes perfect sense if used in blank.

The word 'jovial' means 'cheerful and friendly'. It does not fit the given blank. The phrase jovial skills makes no sense.

Warranted – justify or necessitate

Exercise- an activity carried out for specific purpose

Utilize – to make practical and effective use

Among these words, harness, exercise and utilize are perfect for each other. So they are perfect fit for the blank.

5) Answer: D

"Option d" fits perfectly.

(1) Many developing and poor nations, however, are stuck in a quagmire of debt and impoverishment, no matter how much assistance they receive. In the above sentence "quagmire" refers to "An awkward, complex, or hazardous situation"

(2) Torrential rain was quickly turning the building-site into a quagmire.

In the above sentence "quagmire" refers to "A small pool of water, usually on a path or road"

Meanings of other words:

Trenchant – blistering, withering,scornful; vigorous or incisive in expression or style.

He was shattered and bewildered by this trenchant criticism.

Temerity– overweening; excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

No one had the temerity to question his conclusions

Streamline - To alter or change into something new or updated.

The company plans to implement new technology to streamline the billing and documentation process.

6) Answer: B

“Option b” fits perfectly.

Abstruse - Difficult to comprehend or understand

1) The Federal Reserve chairman is famous for his opaque remarks and abstruse topics.

2) Most of the medical research on the subject seems abstruse to the average man.

Explanation:

Meanings of other words:

debunk– To demonstrate or expose to the falsehood of something

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 107

Directions: In each question below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Six words are given after the paragraph. Choose the correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks both grammatically and meaningfully.

1. Urban segregation is not a frozen status quo, ________ rather a ceaseless social war in which the state ______ regularly in the name of "progress," "beautification" and even "social justice for the poor" to redraw ________ boundaries to the advantage of landowners, foreign investors, elite homeowners, and middle-class commuters.

I. As well as
II. But
III. Convivial
IV. Spatial
V. Ignores
VI. Intervenes
A) IV, V, VI
B) I, III, VI
C) II, IV, VI
D) I, V, VI
E) II, III, IV

2. The word 'anarchy' comes from the Greek anarkhia, meaning ________ to authority or without a ruler, and was used in a derogatory sense until 1840, when it was adopted by Pierre-Joseph Proudhon to describe his political and social ideology. Proudhon _______ that organization without government was both possible and desirable. In the evolution of political ideas, anarchism can be seen as an ultimate projection of both liberalism and socialism, and the differing strands of anarchist thought can be related to _____ emphasis on one or the other of these.

I. Contrary
II. Similar
III. Argues
IV. Argued

V. Its
VI. Their
A) II, III, IV
B) III, V, VI
C) I, IV, VI
D) I, II, III
E) I, V, VI

3. How many of us can watch the IPL without ________ and guilt? Revulsion, at the insensitivity of continuing with a tournament ______ the pain and suffering in the country and guilt at contributing, in whatever measure to its profits by watching it on television. It is easy to _________ IPL with sports, but it is in fact a highly leveraged television serial ideal for selling products where people happen to play a version of a popular game.

I. Jubilation
II. Revulsion
III. Between
IV. Amidst
V. Confused
VI. Confuse
A) II, IV, VI
B) I, II, III
C) II, III, IV
D) IV, V, VI
E) II, IV, V

4. In a phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, U.S. President Joe Biden said that his government would quickly __________ a number of COVID19 Related supplies to help India battle its current crisis with the pandemic. The move comes after what many saw as a delay in the U.S.'s response to the situation. After a few days, where the Biden administration seemed to ___________, making the point that protecting Americans firstwas in the world's interest, it appears to have ________
its stand.

I. Deployed

II. Deploy
III. Dither
IV. Wither
V. Amended
VI. Augmented
A) I, II, III
B) II, III, IV
C) III, IV, VI
D) I, V, VI
E) II, III, V

5. Racial and ethnic groups whose members are especially disadvantaged in a given society may be ________ to as minorities. This term has more to do with social factors __________ with numbers. For example, while people with green eyes may be in the minority, they are not considered to be "true" minorities. From a sociological _________, minorities generally have a sense of group identity ("belonging together") and separateness ("being isolated from others").

I. Considered
II. Referred
III. Than
IV. Other than
V. Rational
VI. Perspective
A) IV, V, VI
B) II, III, VI
C) I, II, III
D) II, IV, V
E) II, IV, VI

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The best way to answer this question is to try to understand what the passage is speaking about. Coming to the first blank, we see a word 'rather' following it from which we know that a contrast has been introduced. It is saying that urban segregation is not a status quo, rather a social war. Therefore we can infer that a conjunction must be present in the blank. 'But' is the conjunction of contrast. Now, eliminate all the options which don't have II and by that only C and E are left. Now, the author has already said 'urban segregation' is a social war and also going forward we know that the state is involved in that war. The blank is followed by 'regularly' which is an adverb therefore a verb must come in the blank. Ignores and intervenes are two verbs given of which ignore is invalid because if the state is causing the war then it cannot ignore the things mentioned afterwards. Rather it will intervene. The only option containing this word is option (C).

2. Answer: C

Going through the same logic as the previous question, the first blank needs an adjective which conveys opposite sense because after 'or' it says 'without a ruler' and therefore the correct phrase before 'or' will be 'contrary to authority' and both mean the same. Now, in the second blank, the sentence needs a verb which must be in past tense because we are speaking of an action of the past. Therefore 'argued' fits best. The third blank must contain 'their' as it refers to 'different strands of anarchist which is plural.

3. Answer: A

'Revulsion' means a sense of disgust and loathing and therefore fits the first blank because after 'and' 'guilt' is present and therefore a word negative in meaning must come in the blank. The third blank must contain 'confuse' as 'to' is before the blank which needs to be followed by the base form of the verb. The second blank should contain 'amidst'.

4. Answer: E

'Would' is followed by a base form of the verb and therefore 'deploy' is correct. 'Dither' means not able to take a decision and wither means 'to become dry and shrivelled'. Therefore 'dither' is correct. 'Augmented' means 'large' or 'greater' in size. Therefore 'amended' is correct.

5. Answer: B

'considered' cannot be followed by 'to' but
'referred' can be followed and therefore referred is correct. The second blank contains 'than' because 'other than' means except. The third blank should contain a noun and therefore 'perspective' is correct. 'Rational' is an adjective.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 108

Directions: In each questions below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Five words are given after the paragraph. Choose correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks both grammatically and meaningfully.

1. In clinical trials of new medicines, half of the subjects ______ the drug being tested and half receive a physiologically inert substance—a placebo. Trials are designed with the intention that neither subjects nor experimenters will find out which ________ are actually being given the drug being tested.____ , this intention is frequently frustrated because often the subjects who receive the drug being tested develop symptoms that the experimenters recognize as side effects of the physiologically active drug.

I) subjects
II) subject
III) However
IV) Therefore
V) receive
A) I, II, III
B) II, III, IV
C) V, I, III
D) I, IV, V
E) II, III, V

2. For the past several years, cellular phone service ____ available in Shimla, _______ service being available in neighboring places. Recently two companies, Reliance and Airtel, have each ______ the infrastructure necessary to provide cellular service to Shimla residents.

I) established
II) despite
III) diverted
IV) has not been
V) had not been
A) IV, II, I

B) II, III, IV
C) I, III, V
D) I, IV, V
E) II, III, V

3. The computer industry's _____ that it loses millions of dollars when users illegally copy programs without ________ for them is greatly exaggerated. Most of the illegal copying is done by people with no serious __________ in the programs.

I) estimate
II) paying
III) interest
IV) estimates
V) love
A) I, II, III
B) II, III, IV
C) I, III, V
D) I, IV, V
E) II, III, V

4. A certain tropical island received food donations in the form of powdered milk for distribution to its poorest residents, who were thought to be __________. Subsequently, the rate of liver cancers among those islanders __________ sharply. The donated milk was probably to blame: recent laboratory research on rats has shown that rats briefly _______ to the substances aflatoxin tend to develop liver cancer when fed casein, a milk protein.

I) increased
II) exposed
III) developed
IV) healthy
V) malnourished
A) I, II, III
B) II, III, IV
C) I, III, V
D) I, IV, V
E) V, I, II

5. When mercury-vapor streetlights are used in areas _____ by insect-eating bats, the bats feed almost exclusively around the lights, because the lights ________ flying insects. In Greenville, the mercury-vapor streetlights are about to be ______ with energy-saving sodium streetlights, which do not attract insects.

I) flooded
II) repel
III) inhabited
IV) attract
V) replaced

A) I, II, III
B) II, III, IV
C) III, IV, V
D) I, IV, V
E) I, II, V

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The first blank should contain receive because after the blank it says 'half of the subjects receive' and both should be parallel. The second blank should contain subjects because after the blank 'are' is present and it needs a plural noun. The third blank should contain 'however' because the following sentence is in contrast to what the passage is talking before. Basically this is the way you should think – The intent of using placebo is that neither subjects nor experimenters will find out which subjects are actually being given the drug being tested. Now, what if by some means the experimenters are able to differentiate between the two kind of subject (with and without placebo) ? Will the experimenters be frustrated ? Yes. That's the exact situation we are looking for.

2. Answer: A

The first blank needs present perfect tense because we are talking about a situation which started in the past and continuing till present. The second blank obviously needs despite as it says the neighboring places have services. The third blank will take established because the companies will establish not divert.

3. Answer: A

The first blank contains a singular noun because it is a single count of milions. Therefore estimate is correct. The second blank will take paying because the industry loses money when people copy the program without paying money. The third blank will take interest because the previous sentence is telling the estimate to be exaggerated and it supports it by telling that the person copying the program is not interested.

4. Answer: E

The passage says that milk is probably causing liver cancer. One evidence is given that rats fed with milk protein when exposed to aflatoxin developed liver cancer. Therefore E is the correct combination.

5. Answer: C

The passage says Bats feed EXCLUSIVELY on the insects around the street light. These street lights are now being converted to some other form which does not attract light. The combination is C is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 109

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

1.

(A) Over a period of time, I have found myself totally _______ and nobody ever thought of utilising my services for anything.

(B) Confectionery manufacturer Nestlé is proposing to make 45 staff at its Wiri factory ________ as it seeks to move production to its Allen's factory in Australia.

(a) Covert
(b) Dubious
(c) Redundant
(d) Viable
(e) None of these.

2.

(A) Nearly 40 percent of the global workforce believe their job will be ____________ within 5 years due to accelerated automation in view of the pandemic.

(B) Power consumers have raised concerns about the continued use of __________ meters in their residences.

(a) Fragile
(b) Modest
(c) Obsolete
(d) Affluent
(e) None of these.

3.

(A) If we don't have our best game, or the right precision or _________, we will have to win it with our hearts or our minds.

(B) The actress knows how to pull off a gown as well as a baggy tracksuit with equal ___________.

(a) Finesse

(b) Authenticity
(c) Fluke
(d) Morbidity
(e) None of these.

4.

(A) An Iranian woman who was accused of murdering her abusive husband was ___________ by her own daughter.

(B) Our probe has confirmed that while Vaze was the mastermind, but the murder of Hiran was _________ by Shinde.

(a) Halted
(b) Mutilated
(c) Executed
(d) Receded
(e) None of these.

5.

(A) Chief minister Sangma campaigned for _________ GHADC CEM Marak at Garobadha, Selsella and Kalchenpara.

(B) Ayesha Kidwai, professor at the Centre for Linguistics, said that no other ___________ JNUSU president has ever contested in an Assembly or Lok Sabha election before.

(a) Absorbent
(b) Precarious
(c) Incumbent
(d) Exaggerated
(e) None of these.

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘redundant’.

Covert- not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Dubious- hesitating or doubting.

Redundant- not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.

Viable- capable of working successfully; feasible.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

2. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘obsolete’.

Fragile- easily destroyed or threatened.

Modest- unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.

Obsolete- cause (a product or idea) to become obsolete by replacing it with something new.

Affluent- (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money/ wealthy.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

3. Answer: A

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘finesse’.

Finesse- bring about or deal with (something) by using great delicacy and skill.

Authenticity- the quality of being authentic.

Morbidity- the condition of being diseased.

Fluke- an unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer choice.

4. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘executed’.

Halted- bring or come to an abrupt stop.

Mutilated- to damage something severely, especially by violently removing a part.

Executed- put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect.

Receded- go or move back or further away from a previous position.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

5. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘incumbent’.

Absorbent- (of a material) able to soak up liquid easily.

Precarious- in a way that is uncertain or dependent on chance.

Incumbent- necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

Exaggerated- seeming larger, more important, better, or worse than it really is.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 110

Directions: In each questions below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Six words are given after the paragraph. Choose correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks both grammatically and meaningfully.

1. People have been _______ baby-rearing guidance in written form almost since the beginning of writing, and it is a storehouse of absurd advice, testifying to the truth that babies have always been a source of bafflement. New mothers have been advised to smear their newborns daily in butter or lard, or to _______ that they were always put to sleep facing due north. In one 1920 book by a team of eugenicists, unearthed by the writer Therese O'Neill for an essay in the Atlantic, pregnant women are told to "avoid thinking of ugly people, or those marked by any ________ or disease". Whiskey and even morphine were frequently recommended as solutions to the pain of teething.

I) Ensure
II) Approving
III) Dispute
IV) Ability
V) Deformity
VI) Dispensing
A) II, III, IV
B) V, III, II
C) VI, I, V
D) I, IV, V
E) III, IV, V

2. A chronicler of the first Gilded Age, Fitzgerald would have seen Johnson for what he is. His novels are _______ with just his type: men and women so thickly swaddled in money and privilege they can't see the wreckage strewn behind them. Consult your copy of The Great Gatsby and near the end of that 1925 novel you will find a one-sentence portrait of our 2021 prime minister and his set. "They were careless people … they ________ up things and creatures and then retreated back into their money or their vast _______, or whatever it was that kept them together, and let other people clean up the mess they had made."

I) Carelessness

II) exempted

III) augmented

IV) Studded

V) focus

VI) Smashed

A) I, II, V

B) IV, VI, I

C) II, III, V

D) III, IV, V

E) I, VI, II

3. The Union Home Ministry said on Thursday that the Government of National Capital Territory (GNCTD) Amendment Act, 2021 "in no way ______ the constitutional and legal responsibilities of the elected government" to take ______ action in areas of health and education. In a press statement, the Ministry issued a notice that the provisions of the Act would come into _______ from April 27. The Act gives more teeth to the office of the L-G of Delhi.

I) disengages

II) different

III) alters

IV) Necessary

V) effect

VI) play

A) II, III, VI

B) III, II, V

C) I, IV, V

D) III, IV, V

E) I, II, III

4. As the health crisis due to COVID-19 ______, Congress president Sonia Gandhi says this is the time for a gigantic collective _______ cutting across party lines, and ensuring that vaccination coverage expands as fast as possible. She says political

________ in a national crisis requires an 'ability to listen' and not an assumption that one knows everything. "The second wave of COVID19 has been devastating and India is, perhaps, going through the worst public health crisis in recent history" She added further.

I) worsens
II) recovers
III) entitlement
IV) endeavour
V) vision
VI) consensus
A) I, II, III
B) II, IV, VI
C) III, IV, V
D) IV, III, VI
E) I, IV, VI

5. Nothing comes close to encountering the __________ where it is least expected. With Bengalurubased microbrewery 'Windmills Craftworks' opening a branch in Dallas, visitors to that South Central US state can now kick back with a pint and a smorgasbord of Indian and Texan food. ___________ by Kamal Sagar, founder of Total Environment, an architectled real estate company in Bengaluru, and Ajay Nagarajan, CEO of Total Environment Hospitality, Windmills The Colony in Texas is the realisation of a dream that had been put on ________.

I) familiar
II) Difference
III) Incited
IV) Progress
V) Conceptualised
VI) hold
A) II, III, IV
B) I, II, III
C) IV, V, VI
D) I, V, VI
E) I, IV, V

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Keep in mind, try to solve the questions by process of elimination. But, let us go through all the logic involved in the paragraph! In the opening sentence, first decide what kind of word is going to fill it. Since it follows 'have been', obviously present participle form of a verb must fill the blank. Now, the author mentions 'it is a storehouse of absurd advice' and that 'it' refers to 'baby-rearing guidance'. Therefore, it implies that people consider the guidance worthless and therefore will dispense it. Again, the second blank is an infinitive. The sentence is telling about what new mothers are advised and therefore a word conveying positive sense will fill it. Therefore, 'ensure' is the correct world. The last part of sentence containing third blank will take the word 'deformity' and it is also a fact that after 'or' there is disease and therefore a word similar in meaning must come.

2. Answer: B

Through a careful reading, we can understand that the author is criticizing someone. That someone is 'Johnson' as mentioned in first sentence. Now, to justify his criticism, he takes the help of 'Fitzgerald' who is a novelist/writer. 'His' is the second line is Fitzgerald. Now, we need a participle for the first blank. 'exempted' means 'free something', 'augmented' means 'to increase', 'smashed' means 'to beat someone/something' . Therefore 'studded' which means 'to decorate' fills the blank correctly. 'smashed' is correct for second blank and 'carelessness' is correct for the third blank.

3. Answer: D

The paragraph is as simple as it can be. It is saying that the act doesn't intervenes into the responsibilities of the elected government. Therefore 'alters' is best for the first blank. Necessary and effect will come in second and third blank respectively.

4. Answer: E

As the passage is concerned regarding the present crisis of pandemic, it is iterating an excerpt from "Sonia Gandhi" and hence, 'worsens' fits first blank. 'endeavour' means 'try hard to do or achieve something' and the sentence means that the congress president is asking political parties to keep aside individual politics and try for a collective approach.

Therefore ‘endeavour’ will fill the second blank. ‘Consensus’ means a general agreement and therefore it will go with the third blank.

5. Answer: D

The passage is telling about Windmills Craftworks which has opened a branch abroad. Let’s come to the third blank. It is telling that ‘The Colony in Texas is the realisation of a dream…. …..’ from which we mean that it is like a dream come true which was not possible earlier as in ‘that had been put on…’ and therefore ‘hold’ is the perfect one to fill it. Now, there are only two options with VI as option i.e. C and D. ‘Familiar’ is correct because it is talking about an Indian firm expanding abroad and therefore it is least expected for an Indian to encounter something familiar abroad. Therefore (D) is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 111

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the word that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. A heated debate has dominated the Chinese social media attention this past week in the wake of a post linked to an official Communist Party account that mocked India's COVID19 crisis, and subsequently _____________ opinion among those calling for sympathy and others justifying a comparison of the two countries' responses to the pandemic.

A) Opposite
B) Contrast
C) polarised
D) Contradictory
E) Advocate

2. Chinese companies manufacturing oxygen concentrators and other medical supplies are reporting a record ________ in orders for April and May from Indian companies amid the current wave of COVID19 cases and shortages in supplies.

A) Decline
B) availability
C) downfall
D) surge
E) strife

3. For many years, theoretical economists characterized humans as rational beings ________ bent on maximizing purely selfish reward.

A) Amicably
B) Relentlessly
C) Intentionally
D) Excitedly
E) Willingly

4. Human beings, born with a drive to explore and experiment, _______ on learning.

A) prosperity

B) stagnate
C) Apt
D) thrive
E) success

5. The study of the analog position of mental representation has many fascinating branches which help ________ the inner workings of our minds and how we perceive images in our mind's eye.

A) illuminate
B) Darken
C) hide
D) conceal
E) confuse

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The blank needs a verb. Can you tell me which is the auxiliary verb for the verb in blank? It is 'has' in 'A heated debate has dominated………..'. Now, if 'has' is the auxiliary verb, then main verb should be in '-ed' form or third form or participle. There is only one word in such form i.e. C.

2. Answer: D

The passage has mentioned 'shortages in supplies' that means there will be increase in orders and therefore surge is the best option.

3. Answer: B

The sentence mentions 'maximizing purely selfish reward'. So, to maximize selfish reward they have to implement harsh or intense ways. Amicably means friendly and is invalid. Intentionally is absurd because without intentions you cannot be selfish. Excitedly means excitement which is not supported by anything in the sentence. Willingly means the same as intentionally. Therefore relentlessly which means in an unceasingly intense or harsh way is correct.

4. Answer: D

The sentence says human beings are born with a drive to explore and experiment. Therefore they will be interested in learning and the blank must contain such word and therefore thrive is the best option. It means to grow or develop well or vigorously.

5. Answer: A

illuminate(to clarify or make something understandable), the sentence is positive, so any option which gives negative meaning will be eliminated, the meaning of all other options are conceal(hidden) confuse(puzzled/baffled/flummox)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 112

Directions: In each of the questions, two sentences are given, in which a blank is there and that blank will be filled with homophones. You are required to choose the correct order of the homophone pair.

1. While an autobiography is a work of nonfiction, a book like Cinderella is ___________, full of imaginative things that aren't real. That story book is a _________________ work written by an amateur author.

A. fictitious, factitious

B. factitious, fiction

C. fiction, fictitious

D. fictitious, fiction

E. None of the above

2. As soon as she walked towards the front door of the five-star restaurant, a ____________ doorman greeted her with a smile. The man's pet dog is habitually ________ and full of zest, but that ends when the dog feels threatened.

A. jocose, jovial

B. jocular, jovial

C. jocose, jocund

D. jocund, jocose

E. None of the above

3. When students talk to their parents about their poor grades, it is not unusual for them to _______________. If Kavita did not _____________ so much, she could meet her daily work goals easily.

A. prevaricate, procrastinate

B. predominate, procrastinate

C. procrastinate, prevaricate

D. prevaricate, predominate

E. None of the above

4. After mixing the two chemicals, the students could be able to see through the __________ liquid they have created. After a stressful and tiring day of work, I am going to enjoy a ____________ walk through the beautiful park.

A. limpid, linage
B. limpid, languid
C. languid, limpid
D. linage, languid
E. None of the above

Directions: In each of the given questions, there are three blanks, following which there is a set of words given. You are required to choose the most suitable set of words that could fill in the given blanks in the similar sequence in order to make the sentences grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

5. India's small savings instruments witnessed ____________ overnight _____________ in rates this week. The budget division in the department revised ____________ the interest rates payable on small savings instruments for April-June quarter.

a) Conventional
b) Unprecedented
c) Stability
d) Volatility
e) Elevated
f) Downwards

A. a), e), c)
B. b), c), f)
C. a), c), e)
D. b), d), f)
E. None of above combination is correct

6. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's comment that India supports talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban signals a ___________ shift in New Delhi's approach towards the Afghan crisis. At the 9th Heart of Asia Conference in Tajikistan, he said India has been _______________ of all efforts being made to "accelerate the dialogue" between the Afghan government and the Taliban. India was ___________ opposed to any dealings with the Taliban.

a) Diligently
b) Contradictory
c) Steadfastly

d) Unambiguous
e) Subtle
f) Supportive
A. d) b) a)
B. e) f) c)
C. f) d) a)
D. b) c) a)
E. None of above combination is correct

7. The domestic economy suffered a big shock, the external environment remained ____________in the past year. Oil prices crashed, which allowed the government to reap a tax ___________________ without stoking inflation. Since major economies increased their public borrowing and fiscal deficits, global finance did not penalize any country for what would have been seen as an unacceptable ______________ in normal times.

a) Benign
b) Innocuous
c) Windfall
d) Assistance
e) Adherence
f) Deviation
A. a) c) f)
B. b) d) e)
C. e) b) c)
D. f) a) d)
E. None of above combination is correct

8. Mr. Imraan Khan said that _____________ peace and stability in the region was ________________ on resolving all issues between India and Pakistan. He then added that the creation of an enabling environment was __________ for a constructive and result-oriented dialogue.

a) Tenacious
b) Durable
c) Contingent
d) Imperative

e) Probability
f) Coercive
A. c) d) b)
B. a) d) e)
C. b) c) d)
D. c) e) f)
E. None of above combination is correct

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Fiction- grounded in fantasy: not real
Fictitious- imaginary; made up
The correct pair of homophones is fiction, fictitious

2. Answer: D

Jocund- in high spirits; cheery
Jocose- playful; humorous
The correct pair of homophones is- jocund, jocose

3. Answer: A

Prevaricate- speak or act in an evasive way
Procrastinate- to put off until another time
The correct pair of homophones is prevaricate, procrastinate

4. Answer: B

Limpid- see-through; clear
Languid- very slow and relaxed
The correct pair of homophones is limpid, Languid

5. Answer: D

The correct set of words- b), d), f)
Volatility- not regular
Unprecedented- not known or experienced before
Conventional- accepted, used, or practiced by most people
Downwards- directed down
Elevated- being at a higher level than average

6. Answer: B

The correct set of words - e) f) c)

Steadfastly- Continuously

Diligently- in a manner involving great or constant activity

Subtle- clever at attaining one's ends by indirect and often deceptive means

Unambiguous- so clearly expressed as to leave no doubt about the meaning

Contradictory- being as different as possible

7. Answer: A

The correct set of words- a) c) f)

Benign- not harsh or stern especially in nature or effect

Innocuous- not causing or being capable of causing injury or hurt

Windfall- something that provides happiness or does well for a person or thing

Assistance- an act or instance of helping

Deviation- a turning away from a course or standard

Adherence- the following of a custom, rule, or law

8. Answer: C

The correct set of words- b) c) d)

Durable- able to exist for a long time with retention of original qualities, abilities, or capabilities

Contingent- something that might happen

Imperative- forcing one's compliance or participation by or as if by law

Tenacious- continuing despite difficulties, opposition, or discouragement

Coercive- using force or threats to make someone do something

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 113

Directions: There are two blanks given in each of the questions. You are required to fill both the blanks with the most appropriate word from the given options to make the sentences contextually meaningful.

1. ___________________ incidents of violence and allegations of vote fraud ____________ the second phase of Assembly elections in West Bengal, which recorded over 80 per cent turnout on Thursday.

A. Fickle, Violated
B. Arbitrary, Befouled
C. Sporadic, Marred
D. Volatile, Smeared
E. None of the above

2. The contest was an _______________ from the ________________ beauty pageants across the world that offered an opportunity to showcase the importance of livestock breeding.

A. Offbeat, Stereotypical
B. Abnormal, Conceptional
C. Freakish, Paradoxical
D. Remarkable, Apprehension
E. None of the above

3. With rain and snow remaining largely ___________________ in the month of March, Himachal Pradesh continues to head towards a drought-like situation this summer. The state has recorded a deficit of 62 per cent in _________________ during March

A. Meager, Expedition
B. Scanty, Projection
C. Deficient, Precipitation
D. Slender, Estimation
E. None of the above

4. The Department of Defence Production (DDP) of the Defence Ministry, is violating the _________________ settlement reached between them last October, when the federations had ______________________ their planned strike against corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

A. Mollification, Retarded

B. Conciliation, Deferred

C. Appeasement, slowed

D. Moderation, Cancelled

E. None of the above

Directions: In each of the following questions three blanks have been provided in the sentence/ paragaraph. You are required to fill these blanks most appropriately out of six words in order to make sentences both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

5. The Operation Prahar ______________ the Naxal __________________ to a large extent. But during the Covid-19 impacted 2020, particularly in the latter half of the year, the CPI-Maoist organized itself by recruiting youths. Several people had lost their livelihood due to the lockdown imposed to ____________________ the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic last year.

a) Crippled

b) Mutiny

c) Assuage

d) Ameliorate

e) Sedition

f) Mauled

A. d, e, f

B. b, f, a

C. a, b, c

D. f, e, c

E. f, b, a

6. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sought an urgent hearing in the 1994 _____________case against ISRO scientist Dr S Nambi Narayanan who was charged with leaking ________________ information _________________ to India's space development to foreign agents.

a) Possessing
b) Espionage
c) Eavesdropping
d) Confidential
e) Pertaining
f) Esoteric

A. b, c, e
B. d, f, a
C. d, f, b
D. c, d, a
E. b, f, e

7. As India becomes increasingly digital, the countrymen are _______________ to the online world for a multitude of purposes. The __________________ for this, however, is mostly common, and a new report _______________ that for the desktop users in India, this gateway is Google Chrome.

a) Clogging
b) Flocking
c) Secret
d) Alludes
e) Exhorts
f) Gateway

A. a, c, b
B. b, f, d
C. b, c, a
D. d, c, f

E. a, b, f

8. Rescuers were __________ by damaged bridges and roads and a _____________ of heavy equipment Monday after _____________ rains caused multiple disasters on remote eastern Indonesian islands as well as in East Timor.

a) Bridled

b) Torrential

c) Hoard

d) Swoosh

e) Lacuna

f) Vented

A. a, e, b

B. f, c, d

C. c, e, a

D. d, b, a

E. c, e, b

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The most appropriate pair of words is Sporadic and Marred Sporadic means lacking in steadiness or regularity of occurrence

Marred means to affect slightly with something morally bad or undesirable

Arbitrary - having or showing a tendency to force one's will on others without any regard to fairness or necessity

Domineering - fond of ordering people around

Volatile - likely to change frequently, suddenly, or unexpectedly, fickle

Smeared- to make untrue and harmful statements about

Befouled- to make dirty

2. Answer: A

The most appropriate pair of words is Offbeat and Stereotypical

Offbeat means different from the ordinary in a way that causes curiosity or suspicion
Freakish- prone to sudden illogical changes of mind, ideas, or actions
Remarkable- likely to attract attention
Stereotypical- an idea or statement about all of the members of a group or all the instances of a situation
Paradoxical- someone or something with qualities or features that seem to conflict with one another
Conception- something imagined or pictured in the mind

3. Answer: C

The most appropriate pair of words is Deficient and Precipitation
Deficient means not coming up to an expected measure or meeting a particular need, scanty, meager, slender etc
Precipitation- we are talking about water that is falling out of the sky, this could be rain, drizzle, snow, sleet, hail or something rarer
Expedition- a going from one place to another usually of some distance

4. Answer: B

The most appropriate pair of words is Conciliation and Deferred
Conciliation means the action of mediating between two disputing people or groups, Appeasement
Mollification- to soothe in temper or disposition
Deferred means to assign to a later time, delayed, postponed, suspended
Retarded- to cause to move or proceed at a less rapid pace

5. Answer: C

The correct sequence of words is- a, b, c
Mutiny- open fighting against authority (as one's own government)
Crippled- to cause severe or permanent injury to
Assuage- to make more bearable or less severe
Sedition- formal the crime of saying, writing, or doing something that encourages people to disobey their government
Mauled- to abuse physically Ameliorate- to make better

6. Answer: E

The correct sequence of words is- b, f, e
Espionage- the secret gathering of information on others

Eavesdropping- secretly listen to a conversation.
Esoteric- not known or meant to be known by the general populace, confidential
Pertaining- to have a relation or connection

7. Answer: B

The correct sequence of words is- b, f, d
Alludes- to put (something) forward as one's choice for a wise or proper course of action Exhorts- to try to persuade (someone) through earnest appeals to follow a course of action
Secret- something that allows someone to achieve a desired goal, gateway
Flocking- to move upon or fill (something) in great numbers
Clogging- to prevent passage through by filling with something

8. Answer: A

The correct sequence of words is- a, e, b
Lacuna- a falling short of an essential or desirable amount or number
Bridled- to keep from exceeding a desirable degree or level (as of expression)
Hoard- a supply stored up and often hidden Away
Torrential- a great flow of water or of something that overwhelms
Swoosh- to flow out in great quantities or with force
Vented- to find emotional release for

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 114

Directions: In each of the following questions three blanks have been provided in the sentence/ paragraph. You are required to fill these blanks most appropriately out of six words in order to make sentence/ paragraph both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

1. Prime Minister Modi _________________ the claim and said, "In the last two rounds, large numbers of people have come out of their homes and stood in long lines to cast their votes for the BJP.""There is very good voting turnout today as well. Bengal is witnessing a BJP wave which will sideline the fear of didi and her___________," PM Modi said. Mamata Banerjee, who is contested polls from Nandigram, had camped outside a polling booth on April 1 claiming election ________________ by security officials.

a) tantrums
b) reiterated
c) hooligans
d) epitomized
e) malpractice
f) vigilance
A. a, d, f
B. b, c, e
C. d, a, f
D. b, a, e
E. d, c, f

2. Mr Modi is a ________________ figure both at home and abroad. His government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has often been accused of pursuing policies that target Muslim minorities, and not doing enough to curb violence against them. The BJP denies the charges. His _________________ image appears to have sparked the protests in the capital Dhaka – and the violence that followed no doubt was an embarrassment to both countries. It also casts a shadow on what has always been an _______________ relationship between India and Bangladesh.

a) polarizing
b) coalescing
c) contentious
d) affable
e) amicable
f) combative
A. a, e, f
B. b, d, e
C. a, f, e
D. b, f, d
E. a, c, e

3. After Maharashtra's SOS on vaccines, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan today_____________what he called "deplorable attempts by some state governments to distract attention from their failures and spread panic among the people". The "______________ attitude" of the Maharashtra government had singularly ______________ down the entire country's efforts to fight the virus, he said in a furious statement.

a) phlegmatic
b) bashed
c) ensnare
d) lackadaisical
e) slammed
f) bogged
A. e, a, c
B. b, d, e
C. b, d, f
D. f, d, b
E. c, a, f

4. The Indian Navy _____________ maritime security operations named Operation Sankalp, in the Gulf Region on June 19, 2019 to ensure safe passage of Indian flag vessels transiting through the Strait of Hormuz. The _____________ was done against the backdrop of the _____________ security situation in the Gulf region, post attacks on merchant ships in the Gulf of Oman in June 2019.

a) embarked
b) commenced
c) deployment
d) emplacing
e) deteriorating
f) disintegrated
A. b, c, e
B. d, f, e
C. a, d, f
D. a, b, f
E. b, d, f

5. Madhya Pradesh's Vidisha district has come up with a ______________ method to punish the mask rule violators. People without masks in public places are ____________ with the 'Corona Doot' mark and kept in an open jail for half an hour where they are made to write an essay on _____________ to be taken during the pandemic.

a) aberrant
b) scuffed
c) stamped
d) preventions
e) palladium
f) freakish
A. f, b, d
B. a, b, e
C. a, c, e
D. d, c, e
E. a, d, c

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The correct sequence of words is- b, c, e.

Reiterated- to say or state again

Epitomized- to make into a short statement of the main points

Hooligans- a violent, brutal person who is often a member of an organized gang

Tantrums- an outburst or display of excited anger

Malpractice- an outburst or display of excited

Vigilance- the state of being constantly attentive and responsive to signs of opportunity, activity, or danger

2. Answer: E

The correct sequence of words is- a, c, e

Polarizing- to bring (something) to a central point or under a single control

Coalescing - to come together to form a single unit

Contentious- given to arguing

Combative- feeling or displaying eagerness to fight

Amicable- having or showing kindly feeling and sincere interest

Affable- having a relaxed, casual manner

3. Answer: C

The correct sequence of words is- b, d, f

Bashed- to deliver a blow to (someone or something) usually in a strong vigorous manner, slammed

Lackadaisical - lacking bodily energy or motivation

Phlegmatic- not feeling or showing emotion

Bogged- to place in conflict or difficulties

Ensnare- to catch or hold as if in a net

4. Answer: A

The correct sequence of words is- b, c, e

Commenced- to take the first step in (a process or course of action), embarked (up or upon)

Deployment- to place in a particular position

Emplacing- to arrange something in a certain spot or position

Deteriorating - to become worse or of less value

Disintegrated- to cause to separate into pieces usually suddenly or forcibly

5. Answer: C

The correct sequence of words is- a, c, e

Aberrant- being out of the ordinary

Freakish-prone to sudden illogical changes of mind, ideas, or actions

Scuffed- to damage by rubbing against a sharp or rough surface
Palladium- a measure taken to preclude loss or injury

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 115

Directions: In each of the following question a blank space is given which you are required to fill with most suitable word given in the options.

1. Experts _________________ that the Reserve Bank will maintain status quo on policy rates at the first bi-monthly monetary policy review for the new fiscal as the economy faces a renewed threat to growth from the pandemic.

A. Hallucinate

B. Reckon

C. Conceive

D. Ideate

E. None of the above

2. Adani Group has become India's third ______________ to cross 100 billion dollars in market capitalization with shares of four of its six listed companies reaching an all-time high on Tuesday.

A. Conglomerate

B. Syndicate

C. Guild

D. Coterie

E. None of the above

3. The Reserve Bank of India has ordered digital payments firm MobiKwik to probe allegations that data of its 11 crore users was______________, and warned the company it will face fines if lapses are found, a source with direct knowledge of the situation told Reuters.

A. Infringed

B. Despised

C. Scorned

D. Flouted

E. None of the above

4. On a ______________ afternoon, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working the crowd at a campaign meeting, some 160km (99 miles) south of the eastern city of Kolkata in West Bengal state.

A. Feverish
B. Seething
C. Sweltering
D. Fulminating
E. None of the above

5. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has ________ extensively in the districts, emphasizing that she has established peace and ________ in the region.

(a) contained, severity
(b) campaigned, stability
(c) condemned, surety
(d) consoled, security
(e) none of these.

6. The police have _______ able to establish contact with the group of Maoists who ________ a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) commando.

(a) being, assassinated
(b) been, assault
(c) being, attended
(d)been, abducted
(e) none of these.

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The most suitable word is- reckon
Reckon- to think of in a particular way
Conceive- to form a mental picture of, ideate
Hallucinate- o see or sense something or someone that is not really there

2. Answer: A

The most suitable word is- Conglomerate
Conglomerate- a group of businesses or enterprises under one control
Syndicate- a number of businesses or enterprises united for commercial advantage
Guild- group of persons formally joined together for some common interest
Coterie- a group of people sharing a common interest and relating together socially

3. Answer: A

The most suitable word is- Infringed

Infringed- to fail to keep

Flouted- to ignore in a disrespectful manner

Scorned- to show contempt for, despised

4. Answer: C

The most suitable word is- Sweltering

Sweltering- having a notably high temperature

Seething- to be excited or emotionally stirred up with anger

Fulminating- to talk loudly and wildly

Feverish- being in a state of increased activity or agitation

5. Answer: B

Campaigned- work in an organized and active way towards a particular goal, typically a political or social one.

Stability- the state of being stable. Contained- control or restrain (oneself or a feeling).

Condemned- sentenced to a particular punishment, especially death.

Consoled- comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment.

6. Answer: D

As a rule, the word "been" is always used after "to have" (in any of its forms, e.g., "has,""had,""will have,""having").

In a present or past continuous tense, being says that it is happening now, or was happening before, in a continual manner.

Assassinated- murder (an important person) for political or religious reasons.

Abducted- take (someone) away illegally by force or deception; kidnap.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 116

Directions: In each of the following question a blank space is given which you are required to fill with most suitable word given in the options.

1. Former Congress president said it was _______ to have a debate on "need versus want" with _______ to the COVID-19 vaccination.

(a) remedy, respect

(b) ridiculous, regard

(c) remedial, context

(d) ridicule, converting

(e) none of these.

2. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, _________ that India was the only country _________ vaccines to healthy adults over 45.

(a) claimed, administering

(b) stated, abiding

(c) mentioned, assuring

(d) cleared, allocating

(e) none of these.

3. The firm offers complete out-of-hospital recuperative, rehabilitative and ________ care to patients at any transitory stage of illness for speedy _________.

(a) calming, reassurance

(b) assuasive, recovered

(c) palliative, recovery

(d) soothing, refurbish

(e) none of these.

4) The Home Minister appeared to ____________ the findings of a US-based firm's claims that the massive power outage in Mumbai in October last year was the result of sabotage by Chinese hackers.

A. Obdurated

B. Scorn

C. Dissimilar

D. Corroborate

E. Reverent

5) It is Delhi Police Commissioner's vision to ____________ women officials' visibility in force and for this, he has also decided to post them to take various responsibilities in their departments.

A. Scheme
B. Exalt
C. Agitate
D. Proliferate
E. Pacify

6) She enthralled the audience with her divine rendition of Katha in her own musically rich ____________ style.

A. Admonished
B. Descending
C. Exculpating
D. Fictitious
E. Inimitable

7) He wishes to learn ____________ truths from Yama, who tests him before imparting the knowledge by offering the boy all the riches and worldly enjoyments.

A. Grim
B. Perplex
C. Esoteric
D. Dampened
E. Coarse

8) ____________ to a cure is a driving force in lung cancer research, funding investigators initiated research through pilot and seed grants.

A. Prelude
B. Benign
C. Obstacle
D. Adventure
E. Aspersion

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Ridiculous (adjective)- deserving or inviting derision or mockery; absurd.

Regard- consider or think of in a specified way.

Ridicule (noun)- the subjection of someone or something to contemptuous and dismissive language or behaviour.

Remedy (noun)- a medicine or treatment for a disease or injury.

2. Answer: A

Claimed- state or assert that something is the case, typically without providing evidence or proof.

Administering- dispense or apply (a remedy or drug).

Abiding- (of a feeling or memory) lasting a long time; enduring.

Assuring- tell someone something positively to dispel any doubts.

3. Answer: C

Palliative- (of a medicine or medical care) relieving pain without dealing with the cause of the condition.

Recovery- a return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength.

Assuasive- soothing or calming.

Refurbish- renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building).

4) Answer: D

“Corroborate” will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option d is the right answer choice.

Obdurate: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.

Scorn: a feeling and expression of contempt or disdain for someone or something.

Dissimilar: not the same; different.

Corroborate: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Reverent: feeling or showing deep and solemn respect.

5) Answer: B

“Exalt” will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option b is the right answer choice.

Scheme: a large-scale systematic plan or arrangement for attaining a particular object or putting a particular idea into effect.

Exalt: think or speak very highly of (someone or something). -raise to a higher rank or position.

Agitate: make (someone) troubled or nervous.

Proliferate: increase rapidly in number; multiply.

Pacify: quell the anger, agitation, or excitement of

6) Answer: E

"Inimitable" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option e is the right answer choice.

Admonished: warned or reprimand someone firmly.

Descending: moving or sloping downwards.

Exculpating: showing or declaring that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

Fictitious: not real or true; imaginary or fabricated.

Inimitable: so good or unusual as to be impossible to copy; unique.

7) Answer: C

"Esoteric" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option C is the right answer choice.

Grim: very serious or gloomy.

Perplex: completely baffled; very puzzled.

Esoteric: intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a (no article should be used here) specialized knowledge or interest.

Dampened: made slightly wet.

Coarse: rough or harsh in texture.

8) Answer: A

"Prelude" will fill the blank in the given sentence to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option a is the right answer choice.

Prelude: an action or event serving as an introduction to something more important.

Benign: gentle and kindly.

Obstacle: a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.

Adventure: an unusual and exciting or daring experience.

Aspersion: an attack on the reputation for integrity of someone or something

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 117

Directions: - In the questions given below a sentence is given with three blanks. Corresponding to each question three columns are given. Column I carries possible answer options for the first blank; column II for second blank and column III for third blank. Find the combination of words from the three columns which will perfectly fit into the blanks.

1) Small and medium scale industries in the industrial town of Pimpri Chinchwad are __________ the double whammy of exodus of workers and spread of infection among its employees. With orders getting ___________, most industries now fear another cycle of financial trouble as their payments get _________.

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Agreeing	D. Earlier	G. Stuck
B. Battling	E. Exodus	H. Struck
C. Peace	F. Delayed	I. Attacked

A. B-F-G

B. A-D-I

C. C-E-I

D. C-D-H

E. None of these

2) Earlier this month, the US Navy ____________ controversy by announcing that one of its warships had _____________ a freedom of navigation operation (FONOP) inside India's exclusive economic zone without ___________ the country.

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Courted	D. Conducted	G. Informing
B. Displeased	E. Consent	H. Deceiving
C. Refused	F. Served	I. Obscured

A. A-E-I

B. C-D-G

C. A-D-G
D. B-F-G
E. None of these

3) ____________ the Modi government of "gross unpreparedness" and "adhocism" in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday made a ___________ of suggestions to the Centre to deal with the pandemic such as ___________ the immunization age to 25 years and providing income support to people.

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Defending	D. Slew	G. Increasing
B. Exonerating	E. Debt	H. Remaining
C. Accusing	F. Part	I. Reducing

A. C-F-G
B. B-F-H
C. A-D-G
D. C-D-I
E. None of these

4) The U.S. Department of Commerce may issue ____________ to collect information about certain smartphone, tablet and desktop computer software ____________. Then the agencies may _____________ conditions for their use in the United States or ban the apps

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Suggestions	D. Information	G. Contend
B. Subpoenas	E. Applications	H.Expel
C. Appeal	F. Utilization	I. Negotiate

A. A-D-I
B. B-E-H
C. C-F-G
D. B-E-I
E. None of these

5) Amid rising Covid cases among the force, the Delhi Police is set to vaccinate all its___________ by the end of the month, officials said on Saturday. Police have deployed a number of officers at government and private hospitals to ________ Covid testing and treatment and __________ there are no gatherings outside the hospital.

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Personnel	D. Glance	G. Ensure
B. Personal	E. Overlook	H. Insure
C. Outsider	F. Oversee	I. Assure

A. A-F-G

B. B-F-G

C. B-E-H

D. C-D-I

E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

B-F-G

Battling: - to try very hard to achieve something difficult or to deal with something unpleasant or dangerous

Delayed: -to make somebody/something slow or late, to decide not to do something until a later time

Stuck: - not able to continue with an exercise, etc. because it is too difficult

Small and medium scale industries in the industrial town of PimpriChinchwad are battling the double whammy of exodus of workers and spread of infection among its employees. With orders getting delayed, most industries now fear another cycle of financial trouble as their payments get stuck.

2) Answer: C

A-D-G

Courted: - to do something that might have a very bad effect

Conducted: - to organize and do something, especially research

Informing: - to give somebody information (about something), especially in an official way Earlier this month, the US Navy courted controversy by announcing that one of its warships had conducted a freedom of navigation operation (FONOP) inside India's exclusive economic zone without informing the country.

3) Answer: D

C-D-I

Accusing: - showing that you think somebody has done something wrong

Slew: - Bundle, Bunch

Reducing: - to make something less or smaller in quantity, price, size, etc., to force somebody/something into a particular state or condition, usually a bad one

Accusing the Modi government of "gross unpreparedness" and "adhocism" in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday made a slew of suggestions to the Centre to deal with the pandemic such as reducing the immunization age to 25 years and providing income support to people.

4) Answer: D

B-E-I

Subpoenas (Noun):- a written order to attend a court of law to give evidence

Suggestions (Noun):-a plan or idea that somebody mentions for somebody else to discuss and consider

Appeal (Noun):- a serious request for something you need or want very much

Information (Noun):- knowledge or facts

Applications (Noun):- An application is a computer program designed to carry out a specific task other than one relating to the operation of the computer itself, typically to be used by end-users.

Utilization (Noun):- the action of making practical and effective use of something.

Contend (Verb):-to have to deal with a problem or a difficult situation

Expel (Verb):-to send something out by force

Negotiate (Verb):- to talk to somebody in order to decide or agree about something

The U.S. Department of Commerce may issue subpoenas to collect information about certain smartphone, tablet and desktop computer software applications. Then the agencies may negotiate conditions for their use in the United States or ban the apps.

5) Answer: A

A-F-G

Personnel: - the people who work for a large organization or one of the armed forces
Oversee: - to watch something to make sure that it is done properly
Ensure: - to make sure that something happens or is definite

Amid rising Covid cases among the force, the Delhi Police is set to vaccinate all its personnel by the end of the month, officials said on Saturday. Police have deployed a number of officers at government and private hospitals to oversee Covid testing and treatment and ensure there are no gatherings outside the hospital.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 118

Directions: In each of the following questions, two statements are given with a blank in each. Below each question, five prepositions are given, one of which could fit in both the blanks to make each statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the blank in each case.

1.

I) From a position _______________ strength, New Zealand suddenly looked in trouble after in-form Ross Taylor (12) was caught by Virat Kohli at short cover off Ravindra Jadeja and in the very next over, Nicholls was caught behind off Thakur.

II) Taking safety on utmost priority, and adhering to the safety norms, the 2020 Land Rover Defender 110 received maximum fivestar rating in the latest round ________________ crash test results.

a) With
b) Besides
c) Of
d) Behind
e) None of the above.

2.

I) Bollywood star Manoj Bajpayee, who is known for essaying diverse roles with perfection, has garnered immense appreciation ________________ choosing films that are unique and socially relevant.

II) Hyderabad has bagged the Startup award _______________ WE Hub project..

a) Towards
b For
c) Between
d) Following
e) None of the above.

3.

I) "A hi-tech drone takes ________________ 15 minutes to map an average Indian village. We expect that by March 2024, the 'drone flying' in the country would be complete,"

II) There is supposed to be an ATM ________________ the corner.

a) At
b) Along
c) Across
d) Around
e) None of the above.

4.

I) The disease is caused ______________ a set of micro-organisms known as Mucormycetes, which are present naturally in the environment, seen mostly in soil and in decaying organic matter like leaves, compost and piles.

II) People catch Mucormycosis _______________ coming in contact with the fungal spores in the environment.

a) Because
b) Despite
c) By
d) During
e) None of the above.

5.

I) Nissan USA upgraded the Kicks with redesigned exterior along with added safety & tech features ________________ keep the product relevant in the highly competitive segment.

II) Flights from Kurnool will enhance the accessibility __________________ more avenues for tourists as well as government officials travelling to and from the judicial capital.

a) To
b) For
c) Alongside
d) About
e) None of the above.

Solutions

1. Answer: C

‘of’ is the correct preposition, and is used when expressing the relationship between a part and a whole, all other options are incorrect.

2. Answer: B

‘for’ as a preposition can be used to indicate ‘purpose’, all other options are incorrect.

3. Answer: D

around(in the first sentence it means approximately) around(in the second sentence it means in the general vicinity of a particular place), is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

4. Answer: C

by (in the first sentence ‘agent performing an action’) by(indicating the means of achieving something) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

5. Answer: A

‘to’ as a preposition is used for a variety of reasons, to(in the first sentence used to indicate result of action) to(in the second sentence ‘indicating that two things are attached or linked), all other options are incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 119

Directions: In the question given below there are two statements, each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks in both the statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

1)

I. Nature must not be ______ as merely abstract limit to the infinite striving of spirit that _____ the knowledge you gain over time.

II. The soul is ______ to be a facsimile of the body, sometimes no less material, that ____ the understanding between you and the universe.

A. Perceived, lightens

B. conceived, deepens

C. Born, jokes

D. Conceptualized, satire

E. None of the above

2)

I. He made friends with and _______ the acquaintance of only those above him in position and who could therefore be of use to him as it was clear that he was ______ behind his peers.

II. Her breathing quickened, and she ______ to break the entrancing spell before she began ____ in her breath.

A. Sought, lagging

B. Sort, moving

C. Wanted, crawling

D. Required, running

E. None of the above

3)

I. The real advantage of this lens is that each area blends _______ into the other, and even better, building an ______ set that binds the lens and other parts of the telescope.

II. To determine your bridal style, first consider your wedding theme, as your overall hairstyle should mesh easily and _______ with your vision giving rise to an _________ appearance that takes the surrounding along with your desire.

A. Suddenly, exclusive

B. Smooth, excluded

C. Brokenly, included

D. Seamlessly, inclusive

E. None of the above

4)

I. His eyes seemed to have _____ all the fire of the world, and his tone was _________ , his features being calm.

II. After his blood was ______ we concluded that stimulants and strychnine may be given, but they should be avoided until it is certain the bleeding has been properly _________, as they tend to increase it.

A. Taken, owned

B. Withdrawn, vague

C. Collected, controlled

D. Get, constricted

E. None of the above

5)

I. The power of imposing conditions on testamentary manumissions was restricted, and these conditions interpreted in the sense most ______ to freedom which could not be achieved earlier due to utter _____ of the commanders.

II. Since Faraday's time his laws have been confirmed by modern research, and in _______ cases have been shown to hold good with an accuracy of at least one part in a thousand which further proves the absence of ______ and flaws in the modern research.

A. Bad, enthusiasm

B. good, energy

C. Habitual, shame

D. Favourable, negligence

E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: B

In the first blank, the only options that fit in are option B and D- conceived and conceptualized.

However, satire meaning spoof does not make sense in either of the statements as the second blank. Deepens on the other hand is a perfect fit.

Hence, option B is the best fit here.

2) Answer: A

The correct word is sought which means something in demand. The only option that fits in here is option A. Also, the second word also fits in well here and conveys the correct meaning.

Hence, option A is correct.

3) Answer: D

Option A: Suddenly does not fit in both while exclusive does not fit in the second statement.

Option B: Both words are incorrect. Option C:

Brokenly is the opposite of what is needed.

Option D is correct with both words fitting in well. Hence, option D is correct.

4) Answer: C

Option A: Taken does not fit in the second statement. Owned also does not fit in the second statement. Option B: Neither of the words fit in the second statement. Option D: Get is grammatically incorrect. Option C is correct with both words fitting in well. Hence, option C is correct.

5) Answer: D

Option A: Both the words are opposite of what is needed the respective blanks.

Option B: energy does not fit in both the statements.

Option C: Both the words are irrelevant to the context and incorrect. Option D: Both the words are correct contextually and grammatically.

Hence, option D is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 120

Directions: In each of the questions below, two sentences are given with two blanks each. Identify the correct pair of words that fit in both the sentences to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1)

(A) The 'Pathalgadi' movement in Jharkhand is being ___________ in such a way that it__________like forest fire.

(B) India's poultry industry is in dire need of cash after prices slumped earlier this year on speculation __________ by social media that chickens could ___________ the coronavirus.

A) Discouraged, Unroll
B) Fanned, Spread
C) Encouraged, Fold up
D) Vexed,Proliferate
E) None of these

2)

(A) Alphabet's Google will start paying select media outlets to display ____________ content on its news app in a concession to the industry which has accused the search engine and other tech giants of unfairly using _________ for years

(B) The code rolled out Friday evening and likely to be implemented over the next 60 days, is applicable to players who make ___________ content available and not to those working with user-generated ____________.

A) Curated, Content
B) Unorganized, Content
C) Selected, Platform
D) Presented, Site
E) None of these

3)

(A) Deepak was lauded for __________ handling India's trade talks with RCEP, the China-led body that India didn't ____________________ join.

(B) Saif Ali Khan and Alaya F ______ play unwilling dad and persistent daughter, though Nitin Kakkar's film ______________ runs out of gas.

A) Doubtfully, Lastly
B) Unskillfully, Finally
C) Deftly, Eventually
D) Nimbly, immediately
E) None of these

4)

(A) A major fire gutted a leading textile showroom in Chennai, with fire and rescue services ____________ struggling to __________ the blaze in an operation extending for over 10 hours.

(B) Lake Marshals and Sarjapur fire __________ reached the spot to ___________ the blaze. Officials brought the fire under control with the help of three fire engines.

A) Security, dry
B) Private, start
C) Personal, dehydrate
D) Personnel, douse
E) None of these

5)

(A) Maintaining the status quo on tax rates also sends a strong signal to the ____________ that the government is committed to a long-term stable and predictable tax policy, despite the current fiscal _____________.

(B) With institutional clients to worry about, the pros duly cut positions across the board while retail ____________ , who are free from such ____________, charged on.

A) Importers, Freedom
B) Financers, Liberty
C) Exporters, Allowance
D) Investors, Constraints
E) None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Fanned, Spread

Unroll: - to open (something) from a rolled position

Fanned: - Encourage, incite

Vexed: - causing difficulty, worry, and a lot of discussion

Proliferate: - to increase quickly in number

(A) The 'Pathalgadi' movement in Jharkhand is being fanned in such a way that it could spread like forest fire

(B) India's poultry industry is in dire need of cash after prices slumped earlier this year on speculation fanned by social media that chickens could spread the coronavirus.

2) Answer: A

Curated, Content

Curated: - (of online content, merchandise, information, etc.) selected, organized, and presented using professional or expert knowledge.

(A) Alphabet's Google will start paying select media outlets to display curated content on its news app in a concession to the industry which has accused the search engine and other tech giants of unfairly using content for years

(B) The code rolled out Friday evening and likely to be implemented over the next 60 days, is applicable to players who make curated content available and not to those working with user-generated content.

3) Answer: C

Deftly, Eventually

Deftly: - Quickly, skillfully

Eventually: - in the end; finally

(A) Deepak was lauded for deftly handling India's trade talks with RCEP, the China-led body that India didn't eventually join.

(B)Saif Ali Khan and Alaya F deftly play unwilling dad and persistent daughter, though Nitin Kakkar's film eventually runs out of gas.

4) Answer: D

Personnel, douse

Personnel: - the people who work for a large organization or one of the armed forces.

Douse: - to stop a fire from burning by pouring liquid over it.

(A) A major fire gutted a leading textile showroom in Chennai, with fire and rescue services personnel struggling to douse the blaze in an operation extending for over 10 hours.

(B) Lake Marshals and Sarjapur fire personnel reached the spot to douse the blaze. Officials brought the fire under control with the help of three fire engines.

5) Answer: D

Investors, Constraints

Liberty: - the freedom to go where you want, do what you want, etc.

Constraints: - something that limits you

(A)Maintaining the status quo on tax rates also sends a strong signal to the investors that the government is committed to a long-term stable and predictable tax policy, despite the current fiscal constraints.

(B) With institutional clients to worry about, the pros duly cut positions across the board while retail investors, who are free from such constraints, charged on.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 121

Directions:- In each of the questions below, two sentences are given with a blank. Identify the correct word that fits in both the sentences to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1)

(i) Workers ___________ and jeered President Alexander Lukashenko as he visited a factory and strikes grew across Belarus, raising the pressure on the authoritarian leader to step down after 26 years in office

(ii) Kamra was banned from flying after he ___________ journalist ArnabGoswami on an IndiGo flight.

A) Heckled
B) Praised
C) Aided
D) Bewitched
E) None of these

2)

(i) The new _____________ would go into effect starting Monday and could send many regions, including those surrounding Milan and Rome, into full lockdown.

(ii) The move, set to last until February 17, is necessary 'to protect the people of Germany and to limit the entry and rapid spread of the new virus variants,' according to a government _____________.

A) Request
B) Decree
C) Cue
D) Suggestion
E) None of these

3)

(i) The world's largest cryptocurrency has been on a tear this month, ____________ by purchases from Musk's Tesla Inc. and institutional investors who say Bitcoin is an attractive alternative to gold and the dollar

(ii) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the initial growth revival was __________ by demand, but indications now were that growth impulses were
now being driven by a pick-up in activity across manufacturing and services

A) Dissuaded
B) Repressed
C) Propelled
D) Pulled
E) None of these

4)

(i) April marks a full year at the _________ for Krishna, who took over as CEO from GinniRometty with plans to focus on artificial intelligence and the cloud to revive growth after years of stagnation

(ii) Counting will be taken up at 55 centres across 38 districts where the outcome will decide the fate of the Nitish Kumar government that has _________ the state for a decade and half

A) Helm
B) Complied
C) Shun
D) Consent
E) None of these

5)

(i) Doyne Farmer and team use a natural sciences tool to find dangers____________ in the financial system

(ii) A gigantic black hole about 100,000 times more massive than the Sun has been discovered __________ in a toxic gas cloud near the heart of the Milky Way Galaxy

A) Coarse
B) Looking
C) Surfing
D) Lurking
E) None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Heckled

(A) Heckled: - to interrupt a speaker at a public meeting with difficult questions or rude comments

(B) Praised: - to say that somebody/something is good and should be admired

(C) Aided: - to help somebody/something

(D) Bewitched: - to attract and interest somebody very much

2. Answer: B

Decree

(A) Request: - to ask for something

(B) Decree: - an official order given by a government, a ruler, etc.

(C) Cue: - an example of how to behave

(D) Suggestion: - putting an idea into a person's mind; giving advice about what to do

(i) The new decree would go into effect starting Monday and could send many regions, including those surrounding Milan and Rome, into full lockdown.

(ii) The move, set to last until February 17, is necessary 'to protect the people of Germany and to limit the entry and rapid spread of the new virus variants,' according to a government decree.

3. Answer: C

Propelled

(A) Dissuaded: - to persuade somebody not to do something

(B) Repressed: - having emotions and desires that he/she does not show or express

(C) Propelled: - to move, drive or push somebody/something forward or in a particular direction

(D) Pulled: - to move something in the direction that is described

(i) The world's largest cryptocurrency has been on a tear this month, propelled by purchases from Musk's Tesla Inc. and institutional investors who say Bitcoin is an attractive alternative to gold and the dollar.

(ii) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the initial growth revival was propelled by demand, but indications now were that growth impulses were now being driven by a pick-up in activity across manufacturing and services.

4. Answer: A

Helmed

(A) Helmed: - manage, steer

(B) Complied: - to obey an order or request

(C) Shun: - to avoid somebody/something; to keep away from somebody/something

(D) Consent: - to agree to something; to allow something to happen, agreement; permission

(i) April marks a full year at the helm for Krishna, who took over as CEO from GinniRometty with plans to focus on artificial intelligence and the cloud to revive growth after years of stagnation.

(ii) Counting will be taken up at 55 centres across 38 districts where the outcome will decide the fate of the Nitish Kumar government that has helmed the state for a decade and half.

5. Answer: D

Lurking

(A) Coarse: - rude, likely to offend people; having bad manners

(B) Looking: - having the appearance mentioned

(C) Surfing: - the activity of looking at different things on the Internet in order to find something interesting

(D) Lurking: - to wait somewhere secretly especially in order to do something bad or illegal, hiding

(i) Doyne Farmer and team use a natural sciences tool to find dangers lurking in the financial system.

(ii) A gigantic black hole about 100,000 times more massive than the Sun has been discovered lurking in a toxic gas cloud near the heart of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 122

Directions: In each of the questions two sentences are given below, in which a blank is given and that blank is related to homophones, you are required to choose the correct order of homophone pair.

1.

(i) The prince became king after his elder brother proclaimed to ____________ the throne.

(ii)A good mother would never ____________ her parental duties and responsibilities.

A) Abdicate, Abrogate
B) Abrogate, Abdicate
C) Derogate, Abrogate
D) Arrogate, Abrogate
E) Derogate, Abdicate

2.

(i) The famous Italian _____________ lived in a very big castle.

(ii) The school children during the lunch break were playing hide-and-seek in the _________.

A) Barn, Baron
B) Barren, Barn
C) Baron, Barren
D) Baron, Barn
E) None of these

3.

(i) Radha was unable to give a _______ explanation for her behavior in front of everyone.

(ii) The Bhartiya Sanyukt Party won a _____________ 18 percent of the vote.

A) Credible, Credulous
B) Credulous, Creditable
C) Credible, Creditable
D) Creditable, Credible

E) None of these

4.

(i) The hotel manager _________ his team for their poor performance in front of special guests.

(ii) She was ______________ by a road accident, she nearly died.

A) Chastised, castigate
B) Chastised, chastened
C) Chastened, chastised
D) Castigate, Chastised
E) None of these

5.

(i) Teacher would end her lecture with a briefing _____________.

(ii) Each and every cut from the ancient _____________ of this kind of building is precious.

A) Epithet, Epigraph
B) Epigram, Epitaph
C) Epitaph, Epithet
D) Epigraph, Epigram
E) Epigram, Epigraph

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Abdicate- to relinquish power or responsibility
Abrogate- to abolish, to do away with
Derogate- to insult someone
Arrogate- to seize without having the right to do so

2) Answer: D

Baron- a wealthy person.
Barn- an outlying large farm building used for storing grain, hay etc.
Barren- too poor to produce any vegetation.

3) Answer: C

Credible - capable of being believed.
Creditable - worthy of often limited commendation.

Credulous- disposed to believe on little evidence.

4) Answer: B

Chastise- rebuke or scold severely

Chasten- to correct by punishment, disciplined or suffering, subdue

Castigate- inflict severe punishment on.

5) Answer: E

Epigram- a witty saying

Epigraph- an engraved inscription

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 123

Direction: Each question below has two blanks, which indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre and states to ________________ registration of migrant workers so that they can draw the benefits extended to them ________________ the pandemic times.

A. Speed up, beside
B. Decrease, among
C. Expedite, amid
D. Increase, however
E. None of the above

2. With noone to care for stray animals, which survive by ________________ left overs along the roadside and outside eateries, animal lovers from Hailakandi have come together to _______________ them in this situation of COVID-19 pandemic.

A. Licking, Rescue
B. Munching, feed
C. Eating, collaborate
D. Restaurant, eat
E. None of the above

3. Village Defence Party (VDP) members and police officials, on Saturday, pledged to work together __________________ to curb illegal sale of liquor and drugs in Karimganj district's Badarpur, which has witnessed an _________________ of such unlawful activities in the last few months.

A. Aggressively, upsurge
B. Collaboratively, plunging
C. Rigorously, decrease
D. United, Surge
E. None of the above

4. Alcohol intake should be avoided after getting the first jab of the Covid-19 vaccine for some days and ________________ should also be maintained after the second jab for some days, health experts said on Monday, as alcohol can __________________ the effect of the vaccine.

A. Drinking, alter

B. Distance, prompt

C. Intake, progress

D. Abstinence, hamper

E. None of the above

5. Olympic-bound Indian wrestler Deepak Punia on Tuesday __________________of the Poland Open to avoid ___________________ his left-elbow injury that he carried into the last Ranking Series event before the Tokyo Games.

A. Pulled off, aggressive

B. Pulled out, aggravating

C. Resigned, injuring

D. Success, hurting

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Expedite (speed up), amid is the correct order of wordscontextually.

2. Answer: B

Munching (to eat vigorously or with excitement), feed is the correct order of words contextually.

3. Answer: A

Aggressively, upsurge (increase) is the correct order of words contextually and the second blank should be occupied by vowel sounding words since it is preceded by 'an' article, hence the only such word is given in option a

4. Answer: D

Abstinence (the practice of self denial), hinder (obstruct) is the correct order of words contextually.

5. Answer: B

Pulled out(withdraw from an undertaking), aggravating (intensify) is the correct order of words contextually.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 124

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each that must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and meaningfully correct.

1.

I) A cease-fire treaty helped with the ______________of all parties and allowed the leaders of both sides to move on in peace.

II) The production and performance of the _________ agreement must influence the enforcement procedure.

A. Pacification

B. Incitement

C. Provocation

D. Impeachment

E. None of the above

2.

I) Critics might pan his concerts but never his __________ from drugs and alcohol.

II) The goal is complete _____________ from all mind-altering substances.

A. Tumult

B. Abstention

C. Indulgence

D. Abandon

E. None of the above

3.

I) The job of the defense attorney is to ________his clients and keep them out of jail.

II) The arrogant suspect thought he could easily ____________himself during his testimony.

A. Inculpate

B. Denounce

C. Exonerate

D. Condemn

E. None of the above

4.

I) Cairo experienced a sudden _____________ of growth that turned it into one of the most densely populated urban areas in the world.

II) A ____________of diesel came from one valve and none from the other.

A. Influx

B. Incursion

C. Espionage

D. Spurt

E. None of the above

5.

I) The police officer was quite ____________as he told the woman about her son's death

II) There was no humor in the principal's _____________face as she talked about the consequences of school bullying.

A. Solemn

B. Flippant

C. Frivolous

D. Jesting

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Pacification – conciliation, appeasement, satisfaction

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of pacification

Hence option A is answer.

Incitement – encouragement, motivation, spur

Impeachment – accusation, indictment, charge

2. Answer: B

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of abstention

Hence option B is answer.

Abstention – abstinence, sobriety, self-denial

Tumult – uproar, commotion, ruckus

Indulgence–desert, forsake, maroon

3. Answer: C

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of exonerate

Hence option C is answer.

Exonerate – acquit, clear, absolve

Inculpate– attack, castigate, criticize

4. Answer: D

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of spurt

Hence option D is answer.

Spurt – surge, burst

Espionage – spying, intelligence

Influx– invasion, raid, foray

5. Answer: A

Here both sentences describes about the meaning of solemn

Hence option A is answer.

Solemn – serious, intense, severe

Flippant, Frivolous, Jesting – teasing, joking, pleasantry

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 125

Directions; Following are the single fillers with two individual statements which will occupy the same word among the five options, if none of the words fits the context, mark option e as your answer.

1.

I) Markets are ________________ about rising inflation since it could force RBI to raise policy rates, resulting in higher credit cost.

II) His trembling voice while giving a speech on stage clearly showed he was _________________.

A. Plummeted

B. Jittery

C. Playful

D. Solipsism

E. None of the above

2.

I) Record levels of deforestation continue ________________ in the Brazilian Amazon and in May alone, 1,180 square kilometres of the rainforest chopped down, according to official data.

II) Even though the guardian of the child was warned not to abuse the child, he continued the abuse ____________________.

A. Spammed

B. Rejected

C. Unabated

D. Cultivated

E. None of the above

3.

I) India _________________ to a rare series whitewash on Tuesday when a 5-wicket loss in Mount Maunganui ensured that the series ended 3-0 in the host's favour.

II) He _________________ to the injuries in a road accident yesterday.

A. succumbed

B. Witnessed

C. Deliberated
D. Protracted
E. None of the above

4.

I) The UPES has announced scholarships for the children of COVID frontline force, teachers and those who have ____________________ lost their parents due to COVID-19.

II) _________________, IBPS has released less number of vacancies compared to the previous years.

A. Regardless
B. Fortunately
C. Deliberately
D. Unfortunately
E. None of the above

5.

I) Cyclones in India are occurring more frequently and getting more intense by the rapidly heating Indian Ocean because of global warming, with severe ____________________ for the country, say scientists.

II) There will be serious _________________ with the third wave, if people are not vaccinated with the government recommended vaccine.

A. Forcing
B. Problem
C. Repercussions
D. Imposition
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: B

jittery(nervous) is the correct answer option , the meaning of other words are plummeted(fall quickly) Solipsism(selfish).

2. Answer: C

unabated(persistent) is the correct answer option, the meaning other words are spammed(Undesired messages)

3. Answer: A

Succumbed(to give up) is the correct answer option, the meaning of other options are witnessed(evidence for something) Protracted(lasting for a long time)

4. Answer: D

unfortunately(happening through bad luck, or because of an unfortunate event) is correct, all other options are incorrect.

5. Answer: C

Repercussions (consequences) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 126

Directions: Each sentence given below has two blanks followed by a set of words. You have to choose a pair of words from the options to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

1. Even as the situation on the border poses a tricky challenge for India, its geopolitical ____________have been exacerbated by the _____________caused by the mismanagement of COVID19.

a. concerns
b. constraints
c. confrontation
d. devastation
e. disruption
A. ad
B. bc
C. cd
D. de
E. ae

2. Beijing's efforts have been largely ____________________to private companies and donations from the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, unlike other countries which have _____________government help to India.

a. adopted
b. Interested
c. pledged
d. liberated
e. confined
A. ad
B. ec
C. ba
D. de
E. ae

3. The Centre has ____________several appellate tribunals and authorities and _____________their jurisdiction to other existing judicial bodies through the Tribunals Reforms Ordinance 2021.

a. transferred

b. Reinstate

c. retained

d. abolished

e. initiated

A. de

B. bd

C. da

D. ab

E. bc

4. The Editors Guild of India _____________the air strikes by Israel on a building in Gaza City that housed the offices of media _____________such as Al Jazeera and The Associated Press.

a. condemned

b. acquitted

c. defended

d. Entrance

e. outlets

A. bd

B. ca

C. de

D. ae

E. bc

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The sentence implies that border poses a challenge for India and damages occurred and geopolitical concerns have worsened. Here concerns and devastation fit the blanks. Hence option A is the answer.

Concerns – to affect or involve somebody

Devastation – great destruction or damage

2. Answer: B

The sentence implies that Beijing's efforts have become limited to relying on private companies and funds from India whereas other countries have promised to help the Indian government. Here confined and pledged fit the sentence. Hence option B is the answer. Confined – very small

3. Answer: C

The sentence implies that the Centre has discontinued some special courts and given their jurisdiction to other existing bodies. Here abolished and transferred fit the sentence. Hence option C is the answer.

4. Answer: D

The sentence implies that Editors'Guild of India criticized the air strikes by Israel on the building which housed the offices of media outlets.

Hence Condemned and outlets fit the sentence.

Hence option D is the answer.

Condemned – to say strongly that somebody is wrong or bad

Outlets – a way of expressing good use of strong feelings

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 127

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the word that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. A Delhi Court on Tuesday refused to grant anticipatory bail to ___________________ Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar in the murder case of a wrestler, saying that he is prima facie the main conspirator and allegations against him are serious in nature.
a) Famous
b) Absconding
c) Appeasing
d) Bedizen
e) None of the above

2. The Congress high command is _________________ to appoint a new in-charge for Gujarat after the untimely demise of Rajeev Satay last month
a) Consistent
b) Regardless
c) Decision
d) Mulling
e) None of the above

3. "There should be no _________________ in the procurement of best quality' N-95 anti-pollution masks. Health of Dehliites during the critical season will be given priority," the sources quoted Kejriwal as directing Jain.
a) Compromise
b) Consideration
c) Fraudulent
d) Favor
e) None of the above

4. A _________________ for the COVID-19 vaccination roll out was conducted in three centres across Cachar district on Friday.
a) Set up

b) Initiative
c) Dry run
d) Inclusion
e) None of the above

5. At least 13 people died and around 250 others injured as record snowfall ________________ regions along the coast of the Sea of Japan coast, according to the latest report by the Fire and Disaster Management Agency.
a) Occupy
b) Despite
c) Recorded
d) Blanketed
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Absconding (to flee away secretly to avoid arrest), the usage of word 'famous' for a person in a negative context is incorrect, hence option b is apt, the meaning of other words are Appeasing (to satisfy) Bedizen (to dress gaudily)

2. Answer: D

mulling (thinking over something) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

3. Answer: A

compromise (to breach) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

4. Answer: C

Dry run (trial run or rehearsal) is the correct answer option, initiative cannot occupy the blank since such vowel sounding words need to be preceded by article 'an'.

5. Answer: D

Blanketed (covering everything) is the correct answer option , all other options are incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 128

Directions: A sentence has been given below with one blank. You are required to find a suitable word for that blank to make the sentence meaningful and coherent.

1. The Delhi High Court described as vague and whitewashed an interim report submitted by the police _______________politicians, including BJP MP Gautam Gambhir, accused of hoarding COVID19 medicines during the ongoing pandemic.

A. Exonerating
B. Apprehending
C. Detaining
D. Emancipating
E. None of the above

2. Montezuma's Revenge is the quaint nickname for the intestinal _____________that many travelers suffer after they drink the water in some Latin countries.

A. Felicity
B. Scourge
C. Delight
D. Pivotal
E. None of the above

3. An informant told the federal agents where the drug lords were going to ____________ for a huge drug buy.

A. Rupture
B. Dissipate
C. Convene
D. Adjourn
E. None of the above

4. Jim had to __________a smile during the serious speech his father was giving so he didn't irritate him.

A. Regress
B. Foster
C. Incite
D. Suppress

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Exonerating - to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship
Apprehending – to catch somebody
Detaining – to delay somebody
Emancipating – to give somebody legal, social rights
Here exonerating fits perfectly in the blank.
Hence Option A is the answer.

2. Answer: B

Scourge – a person that cause trouble or suffering
Felicity – happiness, bliss
Pivotal – significant, important
Here Scourge fits perfectly in the blank. Hence Option B is the answer.

3. Answer: C

Convene – to come together or bring people for meeting
Adjourn – to stop a meeting for short time
Rupture – sudden burst or break
Here convene fits perfectly in the blank. Hence option C is the answer.

4. Answer: D

Suppress – to put down by authority or force
Incite – to encourage somebody
Regress – revert, lapse
Here suppress fits perfectly in the blank. Hence Option D is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 129

Directions: A sentence given below with two blanks. You have to choose a pair of words from the option suitable for the blank to make a meaningful sentence.

1. Vehicles of those ___________without any purpose would be_________, the Commissioner warned.

A. Dawdling, Emancipated
B. Expedition, Ceased
C. Loitering, seized
D. Precipitation, Extricated
E. None of the above

2. Motorists travelling on the Chennai Radial Road were affected by smoke __________pollution after a fire ______________the garbage transit yard.

A. Induced, Engulfed
B. complacent, inundated
C. Persuaded, overwhelmed
D. irresolute, Encompassed
E. None of the above

3. Mounds of unsegregated garbage have been ___________up in the garbage segregation yard belonging to Chennai Municipality, with waste ___________on the road margins.

A. Dissemination, organised
B. hindrance, Flung
C. heaping, snug
D. Piling, strewn
E. None of the above

4. A combination of panic, public pressure and comprehension of the magnitude of the crisis that India is in seems to have __________the Centre to authorise vaccines to anyone above 18 and give States more control over_____________.

A. Hastened, Auctioning
B. Prompted, procurement
C. deterred, reification

D. Restrained, Attainment

E. None of the above

5. The pandemic offered an opportunity to initiate ____________reforms in the structure of the academic term and the nature of continuous _____________.

A. Sustainable, assessment

B. Tenable, abstention

C. Refutable, Appraisal

D. Absurd, nescience

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Vehicles of those loitering without any purpose would be seized, the Commissioner warned.

Loitering – dawdling, loafing

Seized, Extricated – confiscated

2. Answer: A

Motorists travelling on the Chennai Radial Road were affected by smoke induced pollution after a fire engulfed the garbage transit yard.

Induced – persuaded, convinced

Engulfed – inundated, deluged

Restrained – reticent, moderate

3. Answer: D

Mounds of unsegregated garbage have been piling up in the garbage segregation yard belonging to Chennai Municipality, with waste strewn on the road margins.

Piling – heaping, mounting

Strewn – dispersed, spread

4. Answer: B

A combination of panic, public pressure and comprehension of the magnitude of the crisis that India is in seems to have prompted the Centre to authorise vaccines to anyone above 18 and give States more control over procurement.

Prompted – produced, triggered

Procurement – attainment, acquisition

5. Answer: A

The pandemic offered an opportunity to initiate sustainable reforms in the structure of the academic term and the nature of continuous assessment.

Sustainable – tenable, defensible

Assessment – evaluation, judgment

Absurd - ridiculous

Refutable – untenable

Nescience – ignorance

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 130

Direction: In each question given below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Six words are given after the paragraph. Choose the correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks in a grammatically correct and meaningful manner.

1) Messenger Rooms ______ as many as 50 people join a single chat. A new room can be _____ from Facebook and Messenger and you can _____ the link to invite participants to the video call even if they are not Facebook.

i. Trains
ii. Perform
iii. Allow
iv. Amend
v. Created
vi. Share
A. ii, ii, iv
B. iii, v, vi
C. i, ii, iii
D. i, ii, iv
E. None of these

2) At a time when Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health workers and others on the ______ of the coronavirus fight is in huge _____, a village in Andhra Pradesh is ______ thousands a day.

i. Decisive
ii. Frontline
iii. Verge
iv. Demand
v. Liking
vi. Producing
A. i, iii, v
B. ii, iii, v
C. v, ii, iii

D. ii, iv, vi

E. None of these

3) The introduction of jets will help India _____ as a key defense exporter due to its "relatively low price", General Rawat said in his office in New Delhi. Several countries may be ______ in purchasing the aircraft once they see them in ______ with the air force.

i. Emerge

ii. Interested

iii. Operation

iv. Divide

v. Promoted

vi. Key

A. i, ii, iii

B. ii, iii, iv

C. iii, iv, v

D. v, iv, iii

E. None of These

4) The country's air force is utilizing plans to induct _____ made Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas to boost the _____ of its aging combat aircraft fleet. Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat said in an interview in New Delhi. It will buy an _____ 83 jets, apart from an earlier deal for 40 aircraft, for $ 6 billion, he said.

i. Primarily

ii. Indigenously

iii. Bandwidth

iv. Capability

v. Additional

vi. Surplus

A. i, ii, iii

B. ii, iii, iv

C. ii, iv, v

D. v, iii, i

E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: B

The sentence implies that Messenger Rooms let as many as 50 people join a single chat. Hence, 'allow' is the apt for the first blank. The sentence containing the second blank needs a participle. Therefore only 'created'is the right fit. The participants who are not on Facebook can even join the video call if they have the link to join it. 'Share' perfectly fits the third blank. So option B is the correct answer.

2) Answer: D

The sentence implies that when PPE for health workers who are helping people to fight against coronavirus is required in a large number, a village in Andhra Pradesh is developing them thousands a day. Hence, the words 'frontline', 'demand' and 'producing' fit in the blanks perfectly. So option D is the right answer.

3) Answer: A

The sentence implies that the use of jets will help India become a prominent defence exporter. Several countries may get attracted towards purchasing the aircrafts once they see them functioning in the Indian air force. Hence the words 'emerge', 'interested', and 'operation' fit in the blanks aptly. So option A is the right answer.

4) Answer: C

The sentence implies that the air force is finalizing its plan to use the aircrafts which are produced locally in the country. It will boost the ability of its aircraft fleet. The air force will also buy extra 63 jets along with other b40 aircrafts. Hence, the words 'indigenously', 'capability' and 'additional' fit in the blanks aptly. So option C is the right answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 131

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make it meaningful and coherent.

1) Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of __________, a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might _________over his negative experience of it.

A. Earning, transcend

B. Redemption, triumph

C. Livelihood, share

D. Deprivation, surpassed

E. Reduction, transfer

2) A large number of people _______ on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy _____ in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

A. conglomerate, condolences

B. takeover, dressing

C. attacked, participation

D. meet, bathe

E. gathered, dip

3) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has _________ that all government schools start providing free breakfast in the coming academic year, as part of an ________ of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

A. order, diversification

B. thought, building-up

C. recommended, extension

D. ordeal, expenditure

E. recommending, expansion

4) Governments can play a critical role in this regard by ________ laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers'

________ in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

A. Enacting, Contribution

B. Produce, sharing

C. Making, involve

D. Introducing, contending

E. Provision, partaking

5) The surrendered or cancelled flats will be ________ to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their ______ for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

A. Allotment, permission

B. Given, Granted

C. Allotted, consent

D. Returned, Refuse

E. Sanction, approval

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Redemption- the action of being saved from evil;

Triumph- a very great success, victory Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of redemption, a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might triumphover his negative experience of it.

2) Answer: E

Gathered will be used in the first blank because; the large number of + Noun Always takes the singular form of the verb or 2nd form of the verb. As the sentence is denoting the gathering after overnight, we'll use the 2nd form of the verb.

Dip- bathe, sink

A large number of people gathered on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy dip in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

3) Answer: C

Recommended- suggested;

Extension- expansion, increase

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has recommended that all government schools start providing free breakfast in the coming academic year as part of an extension of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

4) Answer: A

Enacting- passing a law;

Contribution- participation

Governments can play a critical role in this regard by enacting laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers' contribution in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

5) Answer: C

Allotted- to give the share of something to someone;

Consent- to give assent or approval

The surrendered or cancelled flats will be allotted to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their consent for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 132

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks. Identify the correct pair of words that fit in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1) Amid __________ incidents of violence, more than 80.43% voters exercised their _____________ in the second phase of polling in West Bengal in 30 seats spread across four districts.

A. Stray, franchise
B. Methodical, Obligation
C. Willful, Disability
D. Conscious, Liability
E. None of these

2) A galaxy of high- profile BJP and Congress leaders has ___________ in Kerala in a last minute bid to turn the ___________ of the electoral battle against the LDF government.

A. Cause, rectify
B. Source, amplify
C. Predecessor, concede
D. Descended, tide
E. None of these

3) Tedros, who has been accused of ___________ towards China, hardened his tone acknowledging the _________ about China's refusal to share raw data about early Covid-19 cases.

A. Bashfulness rejects
B. Passivity, slights
C. Complacency, concerns
D. Timidity covers
E. Altruism, pertains

4) Kumbh Mela in Haridwar witnessed a low __________ of devotees at Har Ki Paurighat on the first day amid the __________ cases of Covid-19.

A. Stride, raising

B. Footfall, rising
C. Vestige, sailing
D. Trail, Crumbling
E. None of these

5) The Supreme Court has cautioned courts against mechanically ___________ bail in heinous offences, saying the seriousness of the charge is a basic consideration before setting an accused ____________ on bail.
A. Granting, free
B. Granted, less
C. Refused, captive
D. Denying, confine
E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Stray: -to not keep to the subject you should be thinking about or discussing, unexpected

Franchise: - official permission to sell a company's goods or services in a particular area, permission, sanction Amid stray incidents of violence, more than 80.43% voters exercised their franchise in the second phase of polling in West Bengal in 30 seats spread across four districts.

2) Answer: D

Descended: - Go down, decline, drop fall

Tide: -the way that most people think or feel about something at a particular time

A galaxy of high- profile BJP and Congress leaders has descended on Kerala in a last minute bid to turn the tide of the electoral battle against the LDF government.

3) Answer: C

Complacency: - Triumph, pride

Concerns: - Worry distress

Tedros, who has been accused of complacency towards China, hardened his tone acknowledging the concerns about China's refusal to share raw data about early Covid-19 cases.

4) Answer: B

Footfall: - the total number of people who visit a shop, place, etc. over a particular period of time

Rising: - Arise, get up

Kumbh Mela in Haridwar witnessed a low footfall of devotees at Har Ki Paurighat on the first day amid the rising cases of Covid-19.

5) Answer: A

Granting: - to (officially) give somebody what he/she has asked for

Free: - to take away something that is unpleasant from somebody

The Supreme Court has cautioned courts against mechanically granting bail in heinous offences, saying the seriousness of the charge is a basic consideration before setting an accused free on bail.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 133

Directions: In the following questions there is a sentence that isgiven with blank. You have to identify correct preposition from the options for the given sentence.

1. As part of the Vision 2030 of the Saudi Prince, other significant elements of Indian culture like yoga and Ayurveda _________________ the Ramayana and Mahabharata will also be included in the school curriculum, according to media reports.

(A) Around
(B) Apart from
(C) Across
(D) In
(E) None of these

2. The official said that it will help hospitals in states adversely affected by Covid-19 to prepare effectively when oxygen tankers arrive at hospitals and reduce chances of accidents ___________ wastage.

(A) As well as
(B) As far as
(C) Without
(D) Behind
(E) None of these

3. Perth and the Peel region were placed into a hard lockdown from Saturday after an infected traveller from overseas, who likely contracted the novel coronavirus _______________ his two week quarantine in a Perth hotel, visited several venues while unknowingly infectious.

(A) Before
(B) During
(C) For
(D) Into
(E) None of these

4. Given the alarming rate ____________ which the coronavirus is spreading and mutating, there is an urgent need to considerably scale up the vaccination programme in the country.
(A) Through
(B) From
(C) In
(D) At
(E) None of these

5. Over 1000 youths have already joined the 'Covid-19 Helpdesk' started _____________ Presidency University Students Council, a network on Facebook to share updates on matters like hospital beds and oxygen cylinders.
(A) Over
(B) Through
(C) By
(D) On
(E) None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Apart from
(A) Around: -in or to various places or directions
(B) Apart from: - except for, as well as; in addition to
(C) Across: - from one side of something to the other
(D) In: - inside or to a position inside a particular area or object

As part of the Vision 2030 of the Saudi Prince, other significant elements of Indian culture like yoga and Ayurveda apart from the Ramayana and Mahabharata will also be included in the school curriculum, according to media reports.

2. Answer: A

As well as
(A) As well as: - in addition; too. With equal reason or an equally good result.
(B) As far as: - to the place mentioned but not further
(C) Without: - not having or showing something, not using or being with somebody/something

(D) Behind:- in, at or to the back of somebody/something, later or less good than somebody/something; making less progress than somebody/something

The official said that it will help hospitals in states adversely affected by Covid-19 to prepare effectively when oxygen tankers arrive at hospitals and reduce chances of accidents as well as wastage.

3. Answer: B

During

(A) Before: - earlier than somebody/something; earlier than the time that,
in front of somebody/something (in an order)

(B) During: - within the period of time mentioned

(C) For: - used to indicate the place someone or something is going to or toward

(D) Into: - moving to a position inside or in something

Perth and the Peel region were placed into a hard lockdown from Saturday after an infected traveller from overseas, who likely contracted the novel coronavirus during his two-week quarantine in a Perth hotel, visited several venues while unknowingly infectious.

4. Answer: D)

At

(A) Through: - from one end or side of something to the other, from the beginning to the end of something

(B) From: - showing the place, direction or time that somebody/something starts or started

(C) In: - (used to show place) inside or to a position inside a particular area or object

(D) At: - used to show where somebody/something is or where something happens, used to show when something happens

Given the alarming rate at which the coronavirus is spreading and mutating, there is an urgent need to considerably scale up the vaccination programme in the country.

5. Answer: C

By

(A) Over: - straight above something, but not touching it

(B) Through: - from one end or side of something to the other

(C) By: - beside; very near

(D) On: - supported by, fixed to or touching something, especially a surface, in a place or position

Over 1000 youths have already joined the 'Covid-19 Helpdesk' started by the Presidency University Students Council, a network on Facebook to share updates on matters like hospital beds and oxygen cylinders.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 134

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence,choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1. "Despite the ________________ of the modern-day dispute redressal system in our society, the villagefolk choose to punish the victim through their ______________ courts. It is such an ____________ factto even think that the womenfolk would go to the extent of chopping off a lady's hair, stripping her and parading her naked on the roadside."

a) kangaroo
b) inordinate
c) arrival
d) inconceivable
e) Advent
f) unbelievable

A. b-c-d
B. e-a-f
C. e-a-d
D. e-c-a
E. None of the above

2. Thursday's swearing in ceremony of Pinarayi Vijayanas Chief Minister of Kerala has been ____________ by the ______________ hike in the daily number ofCovid-19 patients in the Stateas well as the ________________.

a) overcome
b) Shadowed
c) unabated
d) unprecedented
e) fatalities.
f) comorbidities

A. b-c-e
B. b-e-f

C. f-a-d
D. f-c-b
E. None of the above

3. Most parts of North India, _______________ Delhi, Uttarakhand, Western and Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, North Rajasthan, andsome parts of Himachal Pradesh _______________ moderate to heavy rain on Wednesday as Cyclone Tauktae________________ linger over north India and it will continue till Thursday.

a) remain
b) expected
c) excluding
d) remnants
e) including
f) received

A. c-e-f
B. e-b-d
C. f-a-c
D. e-f-d
E. None of the above

4. ________________Unlock 1.0 gathered pace, overall hiring numbers remained significantly down compared with the corresponding period last year. White-collar jobs for freshers saw an upswing in June, ______________ demand for talent being down 30-60% from pre-Covid-19 levels, according to data from job sites Freshersworld.com, Indeed.com and Naukri.com. There were other pockets of hope. At IIT-Delhi, ________________some revoked offers, placements ended with1,100 job offers, up 4% from last year. Of these 100 offers were received during online placements

a) despite
b) however
c) Even as
d) moreover
e) because
f) Despite

A. c-e-f

B. b-d-e
C. c-f-a
D. b-a-e
E. None of the above

5. Juventus kept alive its Champions League qualification ________________by winning at Serie A champion Inter Milan3-2, when Atlanta___________________ a place in Europe's premier competition. Atlanta __________________ second place in the Italian leaguebeating Genoa 4-3 and can no longer finish outside the top four.

a) Hopes
b) pessimistic
c) clinched
d) controlled
e) achieved
f) consolidated

A. b-d-e
B. a-c-f
C. a-e-f
D. c-a-d
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

EAD is the correct arrangement, kangaroo court(an idiom meaning unofficial court) advent(arrival) inconceivable(unbelievable) are the correct words, inordinate(excess) is wrong contextually

2. Answer: A

BCE is the correct arrangement, shadowed(make a person unhappy) unabated(without any reduction) fatality (death) are the correct usage. Comorbidities(person having more than one disease) and unprecedented(unexpected) are contextually incorrect

3. Answer: D

EFD is the correct arrangement, remnants(remaining), including, received are the correct usages.

4. Answer: C

CFA is the correct arrangement, even as(at the very same time as) despite(contradictory conjunction) are the correct usages.

5. Answer: B

ACF is the correct arrangement, hopes, clinched(confirmed), consolidated(brought together into a single whole) are the correct usages. Pessimistic(unhopeful) is contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 135

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill the blanks in the sentences to make it meaningfully complete.

1. The march of science and technology ________________ with national goals and societal applications remains slow despite the swift adaptation and adoption of technology

A. Skedaddled
B. Rebuked
C. Concomitant
D. Obdurate
E. None of the above

2. Even as Karnataka is struggling to contain the ___________________ spread of coronavirus, the authorities said more than 3,000 people who tested positive in Bengaluru are "untraceable.”

A. unprecedented
B. Expected
C. resolved
D. magnitude
E. None of the above

3. Parents who earlier had to think a lot before spending on the sport are now less worried because these scholarships take care of a huge _____________ of training costs,

A. Juggle
B. Caricature
C. Maladroit
D. Chunk
E. None of the above

4. The 2015 Incentive Compensation Plan, formerly known as the 2011 RSU Plan, was ___________________ to attract, retain and motivate critical staff and align individual performance with company's objectives.

A. Introduce
B. Rolled out
C. Roll out
D. Rolled in
E. None of the above

5. Logic is often sacrificed at the altar of comedy and entertainment, but the problem with writer-director Abir Sengupta's story is that it's highly _________________ and profoundly silly.

A. Pillage
B. Quiver
C. Preposterous
D. Rustic
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Concomitant (something which is naturally associated with something) is the correct usage, Obdurate (stubborn) Skedaddled (do something hurriedly) and Rebuked (criticized) are contextually incorrect

2. Answer: A

unprecedented (never happened before) is the correct usage, all other options are incorrect.

3. Answer: D

chunk (part of something that has been separated) is the correct option. Caricature (parody) maladroit (awkward) and juggle (change) are contextually incorrect.

4. Answer: B

was+v3 structure will be followed so rolled out (to introduce especially for widespread sale to the public) is the correct usage and hence roll out and introduce are eliminated.

5. Answer: C

preposterous (foolish) is the correct usage and the hint can be drawn from the conjunction 'and', which takes similar parts of speech as well as meaning, so silly and preposterous are synonymous and hence the answer. Quiver(tremble) rustic (rural) and pillage (steal) are contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 136

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentences, choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct

1. The Navy on Thursday morning launched a fresh aerial search and rescue mission, ________________ helicopters to _______________ the waters off Mumbai coast, where the accommodation barge P305 went _____________ in Tauktae fury before it sank Monday.

a) Bewildered
b) Deploying
c) Scour
d) Adrift
e) Appointing
a) BCD
b) EAC
c) EAD
d) ECA
e) None of the above

2. In the present ___________________ of the COVID-19 pandemic, courts are also recognising the need to ________________ prisons." Therefore, the CM requested Kovind to "kindly accept the recommendation of the state government" and pass appropriate orders for _________________ of life sentences of all the seven convicts and direct their immediate release.

a) Decongest
b) Cancellation
c) Circumstances
d) Remission
e) Situation
a) BCE
b) BEC
c) CAD

d) ECB
e) None of the above

3. The cyclone Tauktae which unleashed its ___________________ on Mumbaikars on Monday had caused heavy damage to the properties of the fishermen of the city as well. The huge tidal waves and _______________ winds not only damaged the fishing boats but several boats have gone missing after the high tide ___________________in the afternoon.

a) Gusty
b) Anger
c) decreased
d) Receded
e) Wrath
a) CEA
b) EBD
c) BAC
d) EAD
e) None of the above

4. The Centre directed Uttar Pradesh and Bihar on Sunday to ______________ dumping of dead bodies in the Ganga and its tributaries, and focus on their safe disposal and a ______________ cremation after corpses were seen floating in these rivers following a _______________ in the number of corona virus cases.

a) Dignified
b) Prevent
c) Allow
d) Lockdown
e) Spurt
a) CEA
b) BDE
c) CDA
d) BAE
e) None of the above

5. High-speed winds ________________ big advertisement hoardings in and around Kalyan injuring eight people as the ________________ of

Cyclone Tauktae wreaked _______________ in the state.

a) Uprooted
b) Destruction
c) Fury
d) Devastated
e) Havoc

a) BDE
b) ACE
c) AED
d) BDA
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

BCD is the correct arrangement, deploying (to arrange in a position of readiness) scour (search) adrift (purposeless) are the correct words, bewildered (confuse) is incorrect

2. Answer: C

CAD is the correct arrangement, cancellation, decongest (relieve the congestion of), remission (cancellation) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

3. Answer: D

EAD is the correct arrangement. Wrath (anger) gusty (stormy) receded (decreased) are the correct words, all other options are contextually incorrect.

4. Answer: D

BAE is the correct arrangement, prevent, dignified (manner that is worthy of respect), spurt (increase of activity) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

5. Answer: B

ACE is the correct arrangement, uprooted (to tear up by the roots) fury (extreme anger) havoc (widespread devastation) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 137

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence, choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct

1. An innovative Home Isolation Tracking (HIT) App ________________ by the Bihar Government to keep an eye on the condition of Covid patients ________________ at their residence has drawn special ________________ from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

a) privileges
b) Developed
c) recuperating
d) praise
e) initiated
f) recovering
a) BCD
b) EAF
c) EAD
d) ECA
e) None of the above

2. Meanwhile, survivors on board Papaa-305 brought horror stories to the shore. So much so that many on board Papaa-305, when the accommodation barge ________________ dangerously as the Cyclone Tauktae cyclone passed the Mumbai coast, ___________________ that they were all set to meet a ___________________

a) funeral
b) watery grave
c) Apprehended
d) deadly end
e) fearing
f) Drifted
a) BCE
b) BEF

c) FAD
d) FCB
e) None of the above

3. The Centre on Thursday ________________ subsidy on sugar exports from Rs 6,000/tone to Rs 4,000/tonne with immediate effect in view of firm global prices. For the ongoing 2020-21 marketing year, Government had fixed a subsidy of Rs 6,000/ton to ______________ exports, thereby improving liquidity of mills and _____________ them to clear cane price dues to farmers.

a) reduced
b) increased
c) Slashed
d) provided
e) facilitate
f) enabling
a) CEF
b) EBD
c) FAC
d) EFD
e) None of the above

4. The Government aims to ______________ India's daily testing capacity for COVID-19 to 45 lakh by end of June from the current capacity of 16-20 lakh per day, the Centre said on Thursday as a record 20.55 lakh tests were conducted in a span of 24 hours. The number of people who have ________________from the disease surged to 2, 23, 55,440, while the case ______________ rate was recorded at 1.11 percent, the data stated.

a) fatality
b) recovered
c) ramp up
d) death
e) vaccinated
f) recuperated
a) CEF
b) BDE

c) CFA
d) BAE
e) None of the above

5.________________ gusty wind and heavy rain due to cyclone Tauktae, the state-run Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MahaVitaran) was able to ____________________ provide _________________power supply

a) by and large
b) continuous
c) because of
d) uninterrupted
e) hastily
f) Despite

a) BDE
b) ACF
c) AEF
d) FAD
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

BCD is the correct arrangement. developing, recuperating(recovering)praise are the correct words, all other words are incorrect.

2. Answer: D

FCB is the correct arrangement, drifted, apprehended(understand), watery grave(death by drowning) are the correct words, all other words are contextually incorrectly

3. Answer: A

CEF is the correct arrangement, slashed, facilitate, enabling are the correct words, all other words are contextually incorrect.

4. Answer: C

CFA is the correct arrangement, ramp up (increase the speed), recuperated (recoverd) fatality (death)are all the correct words, all other words are contextually incorrect.

5. Answer: D

FAD is the correct arrangement, despite(used to express contradiction), uninterrupted(without break)by and large(on the whole) are the correct words, hastily(excessive speed) all other words are incorrect

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 138

Direction: In the sentence given below two blanks are there followed by five words to fill the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully correct. You have to choose the correct pair of words to complete the sentence.

1. In the midst of a ____________second wave, which is touching new peaks each passing day, the Central government has ____________its responsibility to ensure vaccine equity through free vaccination for the poor across all age groups.

a. Raging
b. Exhilarated
c. Abdicated
d. Conjuring
e. Assorted
A. a-c
B. b-d
C. a-e
D. c-e
E. a-b

2. With this____________, States will probably be required to vaccinate children too, when vaccines become available, thus _________them even further and thereby actively promoting vaccine inequity.

a. Imminent
b. Precedent
c. Impending
d. Burdening
e. Expedience
A. a-c
B. b-d
C. a-e
D. c-e
E. a-b

3. Moreover, the wide scale distress and profiteering from distress through __________and _________priced selling of essential items and services also make clear the virtue of having an equitable and decentralized health care system.

a. Abatement
b. Lessening
c. Hoarding
d. Judiciously
e. Exorbitantly
A. a-c
B. b-d
C. a-e
D. c-e
E. a-b

4. Just when the spread of COVID19 has reached catastrophic____________, with the daily caseload rising faster than that seen anywhere in the world since the beginning of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Government of India has acted by unveiling a completely ___________vaccine strategy.

a. Retained
b. Proportions
c. Aggregations
d. Persisted
e. Revamped
A. a-c
B. b-d
C. a-e
D. c-e
E. b-e

5. ________________ and ______________ should not be tolerated in our country which boasts of 'Ahimsa' as its way of life.

a. Hatred
b. Brutality
c. Nepotism
d. Procrastination

e. Efficacy
A. a-b
B. b-d
C. a-e
D. c-e
E. b-e

Solutions

1. Answer: A

In the midst of a raging second wave, which is touching new peaks each passing day, the Central government has abdicated its responsibility to ensure vaccine equity through free vaccination for the poor across all age groups.

Raging – angry, furious, fuming
Abdicated – capitulated, succumbed, relented

2. Answer: B

With this precedent, States will probably be required to vaccinate children too, when vaccines become available, thus Burdening them even further and thereby actively promoting vaccine inequity.

Precedent – example, pattern, paradigm
Burdening – loading, overwhelming, hampering

3. Answer: D

Moreover, the wide scale distress and profiteering from distress through hoarding and exorbitantly priced selling of essential items and services also make clear the virtue of having an equitable and decentralized health care system.

Hoarding – advertisement, banner
Exorbitantly – unduly, immensely

4. Answer: E

Proportions – extent, magnitude
Revamped – perpetuated, retained

Just when the spread of COVID19 has reached catastrophic proportions, with the daily caseload rising faster than that seen anywhere in the world since the beginning of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Government of India has acted by unveiling a completely revamped vaccine strategy.

5. Answer: A

Hatred and Brutality should not be tolerated in our country which boasts of 'Ahimsa' as its way of life.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 139

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence, choose the proper sequence of words mentioned below to make it grammatically and contextually correct .

1. With the second wave of Covid-19 _______________ in India, wrestler Labhanshu Sharma has turned his car into an ambulance with an oxygen facility in Rishikesh. The second wave of coronavirus pandemic has _______________ the country with India ________________ more than 2.60 lakhs cases daily.

a) Suggested
b) Rampant
c) Ravaged
d) Recording
e) Destroyed
f) Noting
a) BCD
b) EAF
c) EAD
d) ECA
e) None of the above

2. "_______________ significant diplomatic engagement, the parties to the conflict in Tigray have taken no ___________________ steps to end hostilities or pursue a _______________ resolution of the political crisis," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement Sunday night.

a) Widespread
b) Peaceful
c) Meaningful
d) Significant
e) Determinate
f) Despite
a) BCE
b) BEF

c) FAD
d) FCB
e) None of the above

3. Coronavirus, which ________________ children in the first wave, has started ________________ them in the second wave with a string of States like Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh reporting ________________ in infection in this vulnerable group, including newborns. Those with comorbidities are failing to survive.

a) Decrease
b) Controlling
c) Spared
d) Plummet
e) Stalking
f) Spike
a) CEF
b) EBD
c) FAC
d) EFD
e) None of the above

4. The Chief Minister ________________ villagers to strictly ________________ to the health protocols and guidelines issued by the state government and ________________ the 24x7 helpline '104' for assistance.

a) Avail
b) Advantage
c) Exhorted
d) Follow
e) Depend
f) Adhere
a) CEF
b) BDE
c) CFA
d) BAE
e) None of the above

5. The second wave of Corona is definitely testing our patience, and the extent to which we can all _____________ the grief. The country fought the first wave of this global pandemic with ________________ , and set an _______________ example to the world.

a) Solidarity
b) Determination
c) Suffering
d) Exemplary
e) Tedious
f) Tolerate

a) BDE
b) ACF
c) AEF
d) FAD
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

BCD is the correct arrangement, rampant (spreading unchecked), ravaged (severely damaged), recording are the correct words, all other words don't fit contextually.

2. Answer: D

FCB is the correct arrangement, despite, meaningful, peaceful are the correct words, all other words don't fit contextually.

3. Answer: A

CEF is the correct arrangement spared(refrain from killing, injuring), stalking(secretly), spike(increase) are the correct words, all other words are incorrect, plummet(decrease).

4. Answer: C

CFA is the correct arrangement, exhorted(encourage) adhere(follow) are the correct words, all other words are incorrect.

5. Answer: D

FAD is the correct arrangement, in the third blank, vowel sound word should be occupied because it is preceded by article 'an', tolerate(endure), exemplary(example) solidarity(unity) are the correct words, all other word are incorrect tedious(tiresome).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 140

Directions: A sentence given below having two blanks followed by five words given in options. You have to choose a suitable pair of words that can fit into the blank from the options to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. The emergence of the TMC as the only ____________platform for anti BJP votes to consolidate was also facilitated by the sheer political vacuity underlying the ___________ coalition stitched together by the CPI (M) titled "Samyukta Morcha".

a. Resolute
b. Credible
c. Implicit
d. dubious
e. Reckon
A. ce
B. ae
C. bc
D. bd
E. da

2. The Chief Minister should enable space for ____________and he and his compatriots should ensure that their _____________and responses are always decent and democratic.

a. Interventions
b. Evacuation
c. Dissent
d. Recession
e. Assent
A. ce
B. ae
C. ca
D. bd
E. da

3. Those in charge of implementing COVID19 _______________and preventive measures in the State, and our amazing healthcare providers, have, over the last many months, been working with a ___________ amounting to passion.

a. Ameliorative
b. Apathy
c. Forbearance
d. Nocuous
e. Zeal
A. ce
B. ae
C. ca
D. bd
E. da

4. Having already ___________with the experience of preventing the spread of Nipah, Kerala had started taking effective _____________and prevention measures against COVID19 by the end of January 2020.

a. Retained
b. dealt
c. containment
d. Concealed
e. Futility
A. bc
B. ae
C. ca
D. bd
E. da

5. Gradually and systematically, the government changed the development ___________and promoted a ______________, reliable and sustainable development plan to the public.

a. Fugitive
b. Hiatus
c. regime
d. Paradigm

e. Compassionate
A. ab
B. ae
C. ca
D. bd
E. de

Solutions

1. Answer: D

Credible –dependable, reliable, creditable
Dubious – doubtful, hesitant, unsure
Resolute, Implicit – determined, resolved, adamant
Reckon – compute, count, calculate

2. Answer: C

Intervention – Involvement, action, intrusion
Evacuation, Recession – stagnation, downturn, decline
Dissent – dispute, dissention, disagreement
Assent – accord, agreement

3. Answer: B

Ameliorative – curative, remedial, beneficial
Apathy, Forbearance – restraint, indulgence, tolerance
Nocuous – damaging, detrimental, harmful
Zeal – good, enthusiasm, passion

4. Answer: A

Retained, concealed – hold, keep, maintain
Dealt- sold, traded, offered
Containment- regulation, control, limit
Futility – impotence, failure, idleness

5. Answer: E

Paradigm –exemplar, norm, prototype
Compassionate – ruthful, soft, supportive
Regime – government, rein, rule
Hiatus – break, interval, pause Fugitive – fleeting, transient, derelict.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 141

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. India _______________ the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 on August 5, 2019 and _________________ it into two Union territories.

a) Considered, busted
b) Accepted, divided
c) Cancelled, merged
d) Abrogated, bifurcated
e) None of the above

2. A male patient died after _____________ the ramp at Super Specialty Hospital (SSH) on Saturday morning. The incident sent shockwaves across the hospital employees. A large number of on lookers ______________ the spot after the incident.

a) Jumping, reduced
b) Falling off, thronged
c) Diving, gathered
d) Falling down, looked
e) None of the above

3. The Centre on Saturday said it is considering subsidies to _______________ rise in global prices of raw materials of phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers in a bid to ensure their availability to farmers at ______________ rates across across the country.

a) Counterbalance, increased
b) Decrease, increased
c) Offset, subsidized
d) Provide, decreased
e) None of the above

4. Days after Salman Khan's much _________________ film 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai was leaked on piracy sites, the Bollywood superstar has warned the

_________________ of legal action by the Cyber Cell.

a) Expected, prejudice

b) Wondered, discrimination

c) Suggested, actors

d) Anticipated, Miscreants

e) None of the above

5. The veteran Czech player ________________ her racket to the clay in frustration early in the second set and received a code violation warning for _______________ conduct.

a) Slammed, unsportsmanlike

b) Kicked, behavior

c) Placed, good

d) Complained, manners

e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

abrogated(cancelled), bifurcated(divided) is the correct usage, all other words are contextually incorrect.

2. Answer: B

fall off(separating from something) , thronged(crowd), all other words are contextually incorrect.

3. Answer: C

offset(counterbalance) subsidized(to support by providing money) , to ensure the availability to farmers, increased word cannot be used in the second blank, all other words are contextually incorrect.

4. Answer: D

anticipated(expect/predict), miscreants(a person who has done something wrong) are correct, all other words prejudiced(preconceived opinion) are contextually incorrect.

5. Answer: A

the sentence is negative , so negative words will occupy the blank, and all positive words can be eliminated, slammed(to strike forcefully) unsportsmanlike(violating the accepted standards of sportsmanship) all other words are contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 142

Directions: Each question below has four sentences containing one blank each , which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option(homophones based) indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. I always had to help my dog get over the ____(stile(A)/style(B)) The author's writing ________________ attracted not only the youth but also married couples(stile(C)/style(D)) The sensitive girl didn't like when her friends make a ______________ about her weight(gibe(E)/jibe(F)) The explanation doesn't ________________ with the facts published in the book. (gibe(G)/jibe(H))

a) BDFG
b) ACFG
c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

2. There are certain ______________ to be followed when sitting in a group discussion.(principal(A)/principles(B)) The newly appointed ________________was vice president in one of the former school(principal(C)/principles(D)) She had no other way , but to dump him because of his _____________ drug habit(illicit(E)/elicit(F)) The robber tried to _____________ the information from the bank manager by twisting his hand.(illicit(G)/elicit(H))

a) BDFG
b) ACFG
c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

3. The students already decided before the exam , their __________ was scratching their left eye if the answer option was 1.(queue(A)/ cue(B)) We stood in the ____________ waiting for hours, in order to get snacks on republic day. (cue(C)/queue(D)) The judgment was _____________ and appreciated by all(fair(E)/fare(F)) The ________________ charged was more during the lockdown to reduce the crowd(fair(G)/fare(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

4. ashok sat in a _____________ looking at his home, after a cyclone wrecked it.(daze(A)/days(B)) It's been several ____________ that I saw her in the college.(daze(C)/days(D)) I could hear the ______________ of the wedding bell, while i was sitting in the classroom.(peal(E)/peel(F)) It is necessary to _____________the potato before boiling. (peal(G)/peel(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

5. The two men were so angry at each other that they were ready to _____________ to death. (duel(A)/dual(B)) No one liked his character because he had a _____________ nature of dealing with people.(duel(C)/dual(D)) After his failure, he thought all his late night studies were in ____________(vane(E)/vain(F)) The ______________ of a windmill was damaged during the heavy storm. (vane(G)/vain(H))

a) BDFG

b) ADFG

c) ADEH

d) BCEH

e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Stile(an arrangement of steps that allow people but not animals to climb over a fence) Gibe(taunting words or an insulting comment), jibe(agree)

2. Answer: D

BCEH is the correct arrangement. Principal(head of school), principle(rules) Illicit(invalid), elicit(to bring out)

3. Answer: D

BDEH is the correct arrangement, Fair(right or ethical) fare(the fee an individual is charged in order to be transported anywhere) Cue(to signal at somebody to do something), queue(to arrange themselves into a physical waiting line)

4. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Peal(a loud sound), peel(to remove the skin or outer covering of) Daze(confused)

5. Answer: B

ADFG is the correct order, Vane(blade attached to a rotating axis)Vain(without success), Duel(a formal combat between two people with weapons, usually in a public place) Dual(consisting of two parts)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 143

Directions: In each of the questions given below there will be two blanks in the sentence. You have to find a suitable pair of words to make a sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

1. Mr. Agrawal had recommended the court to ___________and direct the States to make sure that the children ______________by the pandemic continue in the same school.

A. ignore, orphaned

B. Obscene, hindered

C. Convene, impeded

D. intervene, impacted

E. None of the above

2. An effective COVID19 pandemic response requires, inter alia, keeping track of __________variants and then conducting further studies about their transmissibility, immune escape and ____________to cause severe disease.

A. Enhancing, Flexible

B. Maturing, implacable

C. Emerging, potential

D. Developing, obstinate

E. None of the above

3. An evolving pandemic demands a fluid and _________approach to policymaking Strategies need to be tweaked along the way __________on the nature of exigencies.

A. Systematic, following

B. Dynamic, depending

C. conditional, imported

D. Indolent, creating

E. None of the above

4. Data from several States ____________ that the average age of mortality is _________in several States and stabilising at 3045 years.

A. indicate, reducing

B. denote, increasing

C. announce, highest
D. reveal, lessening
E. None of the above

5. A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the ________to the centralised procurement of COVID19 vaccines from June 21, the Congress asked the government to adopt a transparent policy in ________vaccines to the States and spell out a road map of meeting its own deadline of fully vaccinating 100.
A. Progression, transferring
B. Excursion, equaling
C. incursion, inoculating
D. Reversion, allocating
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The sentence implies that children affected by the pandemic will continue in the same school recommended by Agrawal.
Intervene – to interfere with the outcome
Hence option D is the answer.
Other word meanings:
Convene – to come together
Obscene - abhorrent to morality or virtue
Hindered – to make it more difficult for somebody

2. Answer: C

The sentence implies that covid-19 response requires tracking fresh variants and research on their transmission and should have potential to cause severe disease. Here emerging and potential fits the blank correctly.
Hence option C is the answer.

3. Answer: B

The sentence implies that ongoing pandemic needs a clear approach which has to be followed based on the nature of exigencies. Dynamic and depending fits the blank correctly. Hence option B is the answer.

4. Answer: A

The sentence implies that data from several states indicate that mortality is reducing rapidly and stabilising at certain age groups. Here indicate and reducing fits the blank correctly. Hence option A is the answer.

5. Answer: D

The sentence implies that Congress asked for a transparent policy in allocating vaccines to the states from June 21 to Modi. Here reversion and allocating fits the blank correctly.

Hence option D is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 144

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence, choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the Column to make it grammatically and contextually correct .

1. Round-the-clock water supply will remain a _______________ for residents of Bopal, Ghuma, Godhavi and Shela for a while longer. Covid pandemic has let to severe ___________________ of manpower, which has pushed back the _________________of all major underconstruction projects by about six to eight months.

a) Abundance
b) Pipedream
c) Shortage
d) Completion
e) Wish
f) Problems

a) BCD
b) EAF
c) EAD
d) ECA
e) None of the above

2. West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee today __________________ that impending Cyclone Yaas will be more severe than last year's Amphan with its impact ________________ for 72 hours and complained to Union home minister Amit Shah against lesser financial assistance for the cyclone being __________________ to West Bengal than both Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.

a) Feared
b) Sanctioned
c) Persisting
d) Diverted
e) Lasting
f) Apprehended

a) BCE
b) BEF
c) FAD
d) FCB
e) None of the above

3. The Cyclone Yaas that ________________ through coastal Odisha triggering damage of varying degree in coastal parts ________________ Bhitarkanika National Park (BNP) and adjoining hamlets in Kendrapara district with lush-green luxuriant mangrove cover acting ____________________ barrier as the Nature's fury.

a) Surrounding
b) Circulated
c) Barrelled
d) Reflective
e) Spared
f) Protective

a) CEF
b) EBD
c) FAC
d) EFD
e) None of the above

4. The second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic exposed the __________________ inadequacy of health infrastructure in cities and the __________________ failure of governments at the Centre and in the states to anticipate, plan or speedily respond to emergencies ___________________ having a year to prepare after the first phase of the Covid crisis.

a) Despite
b) Horrific
c) Appalling
d) Subsequent
e) However
f) Abject

a) CEF
b) BDE

c) CFA
d) BAE
e) None of the above

5. Another __________________ episode of calling each other names has erupted between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Though the Prime Minister displayed _________________ in not responding directly to Mamata's ____________________ , his aides didn't let go of the chance to take on the feisty Chief Minister.

a) Dignity
b) Behaviour
c) Rudely
d) Diatribe
e) Fascinating
f) Unsavoury
a) BDE
b) ACF
c) AEF
d) FAD
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

BCD is the correct arrangement. Pipedream(wish), shortage, completion are the correct words which fit contextually.

2. Answer: D

FCB is the correct arrangement Apprehended(understand), persisting(continuous), sanctioned(approved) are the correct usage of the word contextually.

3. Answer: A

CEF is the correct arrangement, Barrelled(move in a way that is almost out of control), spared(refrain from killing/injuring), protective are the correct words contextually.

4. Answer: C

CFA is the correct arrangement, Appalling(horrifying), abject(extreme), despite(used as conjunction when something happens even though it might have been prevented) are the correct words contextually.

5. Answer: D

FAD is the correct arrangement, Unsavoury(disagreeable), dignity(worthy of honour), diatribe(angry speech) are the correct words contextually.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 145

Directions: Find a single appropriate word to be filled in both different sentences to make it contextually and grammatically correct.

1.

I)The houseboat owner from Srinagar's Dal Lake, ____________________ by his neighbors when he contracted the virus, went on to build a floating ambulance to help them.

II) The rich girls often ______________ the poor girls who got admission through their benefits

a)Engrossed

b)Imprisoned

c)Ostracized

d)Pious

e)None of the above

2.

I)British adventurer and survivalist Bear Grylls says the wild has taught him the importance of resilience and helped him ____________________ a never-give-up spirit.

II) If I _____________ too much alcohol, then my efficiency at work would be reduced

a)Imbibe

b)Sordid

c)Ratify

d)Immaculate

e)None of the above

3.

I)Prime Minister Narendra Modi built a roadmap for technological development which provided an ________________ to good governance in India.

II) Lack of harmony in the city was an ______________ for the DGP to hire new police officers.

a)Juggle

b)Impetus

c)Adumbrate

d)Allegiance

e)None of the above

4.

I)A Tokyo doctors' body has recommended cancelling this year's Olympics saying that hospitals in Japan are already ________________ due to the spike in Covid-19 cases in the country.

II)she was _______________ with joy when she realized that she had won a million dollars.

a)Pathetic

b)Pillaged

c)Mundane

d)Overwhelmed

e)None of the above

5.

I)The Dahisar police arrested two men for _____________________ a betel shop owner and fleecing him of cash and cigarette packets worth 69,000 at knifepoint.

II)nationwide notice was released for the search of the criminal who was responsible for _______________ the millionaire's daughter.

a)Intimidating

b)Constraining

c)Abducting

d)Bribing

e)None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

ostracized(exclude someone)is the correct usage contextually and grammatically, other options engrossed(engulfed) imprisoned(jail) pious(religious) are incorrect.

2. Answer: A

the usage of imbibe in the first sentence means absorb, the usage of imbibe in the second sentence means 'to drink', all other options sordid(dirty) ratify(agree) immaculate(spotless) are incorrect .

3. Answer: B

the blank will be occupied by a word having vowel sound, since it is preceded by article 'an' Impetus(a force that causes something to be done or to become more active) fits both the sentence contextually and grammatically, all other options are incorrect adumbrate (suggest) allegiance(loyalty) juggle(change).

4. Answer: D

overwhelmed(overpower emotionally)is the correct usage, all other options mundane(routine)pillage(steal)pathetic(touching) are incorrect.

5. Answer: C

abducting(forcibly taking away something against their will) will fit the context of both the sentences, all other words don't fit contextually constraining(to force physically)intimidate(threaten), bribing(money used in exchange of doing something).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 146

Direction: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. Chiellini was again in the ______________when he ________________ the ball into his own net under pressure from Lukaku in the 83rd.

a) Trouble, divided

b) Stage, carried

c) Spotlight, bundled

d) Riffraff, pranced

e) None of the above

2. INS Kochi which entered harbour on Wednesday to ______________ 125 survivors and mortal remains of four crew members was immediately _______________ in the evening again to continue the Search effort.

a) Disembark, sailed out

b) Carry, produced

c) Leave, deliberated

d) Help, carried

e) None of the above

3. The official said that engaging the families in the meeting was important for preventing youngsters from going _____________. Gul, 32, had drawn the face of a weeping woman whose head was ______________in a Palestinian flag. The words 'We are Palestine' were written in bold, white letters.

a) Correct, covered

b) Astray, draped

c) Distracted, placed

d) Extreme, perched

e) None of the above

4. The pandemic created __________________ in our lives, but it also showed us the hard work and selflessness of the medical ______________

a) Enliven, gang

b) Optimistic, team
c) Trouble, gadfly
d) Havoc, fraternity
e) None of the above

5. _________________ the constraints in the availability of COVID-19 vaccine doses, Maharashtra continues to be top among other vaccinated states. The state has _________________ vaccinated 1,99,85,407 eligible citizens as of Monday, since the universal vaccination was launched on January 16.

a) Because of, imperative
b) In spite of, deferred
c) Despite, cumulatively
d) In addition to, already
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Spotlight (everyone's attention), bundled (send forcibly) are the correct words for the blanks, all other words riffraff (worthless) prance (to walk or dance in an energetic way) are all incorrect words.

2. Answer: A

Disembark (step off), sailed out (leave) are the correct words contextually.

3. Answer: B

astray (away from the correct path) , draped (to cover) are the correct words, all other words perched (rest) are incorrect

4. Answer: D

Havoc (widespread destruction), fraternity (a group of people sharing a common profession) are the correct words for the blanks, other options gadfly (a person who provokes others into action) enliven (rejuvenate) are incorrect

5. Answer: C

Despite (contradictory conjunction), cumulatively (increase in quantity by successive addition) are the correct words for the blanks, other options deferred (postpone) imperative (important) are incorrect

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 147

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

1.

I) The soft milk-like cleansing lotion is made up of the concentrated __________ Organic Aloe Vera and nonfat dry milk.

II) Mr. Bush now has an opportunity to revamp his reputation by adopting a more ___________ style.

A. Inclement

B. Turbulent

C. Flamboyant

D. Emollient

E. None of the above

2.

I) Nuclear weapons would be renounced only after a __________________ of the threat of war in diplomacy.

II) The _______________ of any attempt to tax was at once cause and symptom of the state's demise.

A. Assertion

B. Renunciation

C. Condonement

D. Dissonance

E. None of the above

3.

I) The political candidate claimed the media was making a ____________attempt to ruin his reputation.

II) The commune provided some marginal bargaining power for the peasantry since ____________ resistance could not be lightly dismissed.

A. Partitioned

B. Cussed
C. Concerted
D. Reiterated
E. None of the above

4.
I) The Red Cross is dedicated to providing ____________and support to families who have been displaced by natural disasters
II) Sanctions breed fear and resignation in precisely the quarters they are meant to ____________.
A. Succour
B. Fugitive
C. Disdain
D. Austerity
E. None of the above

5.
I) My mother is a chatty woman and is quite skilled at getting rid of nosey neighbors in an ____________manner.
II) The government has clearly decided that a cut in interest rates would be politically ____________.
A. Altruistic
B. Imprudent
C. Ferocious
D. Consternation
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D
Inclement, Turbulent – cold, bleak, extreme
Flamboyant – colourful, dazzling, ostentatious
Emollient – palliative, softening

2. Answer: B
Renunciation – resignation, surrender, abdication
Dissonance – discord, dissention, friction

Assertion, Condonement – contention, declaration, proclamation

3. Answer: C

Concerted – combined, communal, conjunct

Partitioned, Cussed – blasted, cursed

Reiterated – restated, rehearsed

4. Answer: A

Succour – support, foster, encourage

Fugitive - Fleeting, transient, fleeing

Disdain, Austerity – contempt, scorn, arrogance

5. Answer: E

Expedientshould be the correct word that fits the blanks

Expedient – scheme, plan, action

Altruistic- philonthropist,helper,supporter

Imprudent – careless, foolish, heedless

Ferocious – brutal, cruel, vicious

Consternation – anxiety, dismay

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 148

Directions: A word is given followed by three sentences with a blank in each sentence. You have to choose the blank in which the word fits grammatically and contextually.

1. Impediment

I) Meticulous copy editing may be another ___________ to the quick dissemination of results.

II) The salesman offered his ___________but we told him we were just browsing.

III) Price maintenance was considered to be a significant ______________ to the development of an efficient and competitive distributive industry.

A. Only III

B. Both I & II

C. Only II

D. Both I & III

E. all of the above

2. Onerous

I) The ______________ task of distributing seed potatoes to the tenantry on the Sligo estate has just been completed.

II) A leading Scottish businesswoman has the ____________ task of finding a buyer for the beleaguered Millennium Dome in London.

III) The flight attendant was not prepared to deal with the ________________passenger.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

3. Livid

I) a medium bronze intermediate of incurving form with a lovely ___________ autumn colour.

II) The finality of death of a young man with ____________ prospects for success is a shattering blow indeed.

III) The police officer was __________when the drunk driver drove directly into his vehicle.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

4. Resolute

I) Our Bridge was too _____________to hold the weight and quickly crashed to the ground.

II) Today he is much more knowledgeable and ___________ when it comes to politics.

III) They are not easily ruffled but can be very firm and ____________ in their actions.

A. Only I

B. Both II & III

C. Only III

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

Impediment – something that impedes, a bar or hindrance

Here options I & III explains the meaning of impediment which is block, hindrance.

Option II does not belong to this meaning.

Hence option D is the answer.

2. Answer: E

Onerous - involving, imposing, or constituting a burden

Here all the three sentences explain about the meaning of onerous which is difficult and needs a lot of effort.

Hence Option E is the answer.

3. Answer: C

Livid – very angry, enraged

Here option III explains the meaning of livid which is outrage or anger. Option II & III does not belong to that meaning.

Hence option C is the answer.

4. Answer: B

Resolute – marked by firm determination, bold, steady

Here option II & III belong to the meaning of resolute which is strong. Option I does not belong to that meaning.

Hence option B is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 149

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with a blank. Identify the correct phrasal verb that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) _____________ the possibility of transmission of Covid-19 from humans to cats, dogs, minks, raccoon dogs, lions and tigers, WHO representative to Russia Melita Vujnovic said on Monday.

(A) Blow off

(B) Bore off

(C) Bears out

(D) Bears with

(E) None of these

2. Through its mouthpiece Saamna, the Shiv Sena said so far 50 farmers have lost their lives on the borders of freezing Delhi, and yet they are not ready to _____________ without the laws being repealed.

(A) Be cut up

(B) Back out

(C) Be down

(D) Boil up

(E) None of these

3. "As an individual, I've always been one for speaking out, especially if something bothers you. My personal view is that you should never keep things _____________, because racism is not okay," said Jofra Archer

(A) Bottled up

(B) Box in

(C) Bowl over

(D) Bounce Back

(E) None of these

4. The investigative agency is __________ the motive of the suspended officer as he has reportedly claimed to have planted the explosives. However, in the court, he said he was being made a scapegoat.

(A) Looking at
(B) Looking for
(C) Look after
(D) Looking into
(E) None of these

5. Another reason Cubans are _____________ their island's beaches is tourism. Last year's 4.75 million visitors brought in $3.3 billion — money the Cuban government sorely needs as it struggles under crippling US sanctions.
(A) Keep around
(B) Kept on
(C) Kept off
(D) Keep across
(E) None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Bears out
(A) Blow off: -ignore or dismiss someone or something.
(B) Bore off: - to carry with pride
(C) Bears out: - Confirms, certify, verify
(D) Bears with: - Tolerate

The World Health Organization (WHO)bears out the possibility of transmission of Covid-19 from humans to cats, dogs, minks, raccoon dogs, lions and tigers, WHO representative to Russia Melita Vujnovic said on Monday.

2. Answer: B

Back out
(A) Be cut up: - Be upset
(B) Back out: - withdraw, refuse
(C) Be down: - Be depressed, reduced
(D) Boil up: - Feel a negative emotion strongly

Through its mouthpiece Saamna, the Shiv Sena said so far 50 farmers have lost their lives on the borders of freezing Delhi, and yet they are not ready to back out without the laws being repealed.

3. Answer: A

Bottled up

(A) Bottled up: - Not express your feelings

(B) Box in: - Prevent something from moving, especially vehicles

(C) Bowl over: - Surprise someone greatly

(D) Bounce Back: - Recover

“As an individual, I’ve always been one for speaking out, especially if something bothers you. My personal view is that you should never keep things bottled up, because racism is not okay,” said Jofra Archer

4. Answer: D

Looking into

(A) Looking at: - to think about a situation or subject carefully, especially in order to make a decision.

(B) Looking for: - the act of searching visually

(C) Look after: - take care of someone or something.

(D) Looking into: - to try to discover the facts about something such as a problem or a crime.

The investigative agency is looking into the motive of the suspended officer as he has reportedly claimed to have planted the explosives. However, in the court, he said he was being made a scapegoat.

5. Answer: C

Kept off

(A) Keep around: - Keep something near one

(B) Kept on: - Cause or allow to remain in an existing position

(C) Kept off: - To avoid doing something, or to avoid something. Avoid.

(D) Keep across: - to keep people informed of

Another reason Cubans are kept off their island’s beaches is tourism. Last year’s 4.75 million visitors brought in $3.3 billion — money the Cuban government sorely needs as it struggles under crippling US sanctions.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 150

Directions: A word is given followed by three sentences with a blank in each sentence. You have to choose the sentence/(s) in which the word fits grammatically and contextually.

1. Dissident

I) The newsroom became the home of the tame __________ and the compliant office holder.

II) Walsh called for the museum to become a rallying point for _____________ views.

III) The company also added that they served thousands of _____________ customers every year.

A. Only III
B. Both I & III
C. Only II
D. Both I & II
E. all of the above

2. Tenuous

I) Mountain gorilla populations are extremely ______ and chimpanzees are hanging by a thread.

II) These are a form of personal pensions where links to earnings or length of service is ___________

III) The uneducated man made a _________ argument against the importance of obtaining a higher education.

A. Only III
B. Both I & III
C. Only II
D. Both I & II
E. all of the above

3. Annihilate

I) The teacher must __________ rules for the students to follow while they are in school.

II) A crew was hired to ________the home and we hope it will be built by Christmas.

III) The boxer hopes to ________his opponent during the first round of the match.

A. Only III

B. Both I & III

C. Only II

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

4. Sabotage

I) The fertile ground and ample water supply will allow the crops to ______________

II) The scenarios might involve a simulated attack by terrorists or mock acts of ____________ by insiders.

III) Every single act of industrial __________ is being done by the people who formerly ran those systems.

A. Only III

B. Both II& III

C. Only II

D. Both I & II

E. all of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

Dissident – a person who strongly disagrees with

Here options I and II explain the disagreement which is the meaning of Dissident where option III is wrongly given.

Hence option D is the answer.

2. Answer: E

Tenuous – very weak or uncertain

Here all the blanks can fit the word tenuous

Hence option E is the answer.

3. Answer: A

Annihilate – to destroy or defeat somebody

Here option III describes the meaning of annihilate

Hence option A is the answer.

4. Answer: B

Sabotage - an act or process tending to hamper or hurt
Here option II and III explain the meaning of sabotage whereas option I does not go well with the given word.
Hence option B is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 151

Directions: In the questions below, a sentence has been given with three blanks. Choose the correct order of the words from the options to form a meaningful sentence.

1. As much as 88% of the self-employed, small and micro businesses were yet to avail any benefit under the ___________schemes _____________by the Centre, the findings of a survey by the ____________of Indian Associations and its 40 partner SMB associations show

A. Stimulus
B. Deterrent
C. unveiled
D. abolished
E. consortium
F. combination
A. ACE
B. BDF
C. BCD
D. DEA
E. None of the above

2. Russia accused Britain of spreading lies over a warship ____________ in the Black Sea and warned London that it would respond resolutely to any further ____________actions by the British Navy off the coast of Russia ____________Crimea.

A. cumulative
B. alleged
C. Confrontation
D. obsession
E. Provocative
F. Annexed
A. ACE
B. CEF
C. BCD

D. DEA

E. None of the above

3. The second wave of the COVID19 pandemic could be slowly ________with a _________in the official __________of daily infections and deaths.

A. augmenting

B. receding

C. Increases

D. decline

E. Reports

F. Estimates

A. ACE

B. CEF

C. BDF

D. DEA

E. None of the above

4. After a __________ second wave of COVID19, cash _________ State governments have _____________to falling cases with a swift unlock programme in most districts.

A. debilitating

B. strapped

C. responded

D. Stimulating

E. Opulent

F. Substantial

A. ACE

B. CEF

C. BDF

D. ABC

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

As much as 88% of the self-employed, small and micro businesses were yet to avail any benefit under the stimulus schemes unveiled by the Centre, the findings of a survey by the Consortium of Indian Associations and its 40 partner SMB associations show Hence option A is the answer.

2. Answer: B

Russia accused Britain of spreading lies over a warship confrontation in the Black Sea and warned London that it would respond resolutely to any further provocative actions by the British Navy off the coast of Russia annexed Crimea.

Hence option B is the answer.

3. Answer: C

The second wave of the COVID19 pandemic could be slowly receding with a decline in the official estimates of daily infections and deaths. Hence option C is the answer.

4. Answer: D

After a debilitating second wave of COVID19, cash strapped State governments have responded to falling cases with a swift unlock programme in most districts.

Hence option D is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 152

Directions: Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. TRAI's complaint redressal mechanism allows individual telecom subscribers to register complaints with their respective service providers regarding any _________________ commercial communication (voice and SMS)," said Rajan S Mathews, director general, COAI.

a) Invented
b) Unsolicited
c) Invited
d) Encumbered
e) None of the above

2. Congress now has more work to come up with strategies to capitalise on the issue to _______________ votes in its favour.

a) Sway
b) Punctilious
c) Meticulous
d) Brusque
e) None of the above

3. The Karnataka government on September 6, 2019 approved to rename Hyderabad-Karnataka region of the state as Kalyana Karnataka. The objective behind this move is to do away with any ____________ of colonial nomenclature or connection with the Nizams to refer to the six districts on the north eastern part of the state.

a) Drubbing
b) Snafu
c) Remnants
d) Kerfuffle
e) None of the above

4. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced a _________________ of Rs. 25 lakhs to kin of 43 doctors who died due to covid.

a) Hamstrung
b) Solatium
c) Slovenly
d) Incumbent
e) None of the above

5. Eleven people, including seven children, of the same family were drowned after their vehicle ____________________ into a canal in Pakistan's Punjab province, rescue authorities said.

a) Obliged
b) Fall
c) Submitted
d) Plunged
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Unsolicited (not requested/invited) is the correct usage, encumbered(burdensome) all other options don't fit contextually.

2. Answer: A

sway(influence) is the correct usage, punctilious/meticulous(attention to detail) brusque(rude behavior) are all incorrect contextually.

3. Answer: C

remnants(remaining portion of something)is correct usage, snafu(chaos) kerfuffle(fight) drubbing(defeat) are all incorrect contextually.

4. Answer: B

solatium(compensation) is the correct usage, hamstrung(block) slovenly(untidy) incumbent(responsibility) are all incorrect as per context.

5. Answer: D

plunged(jump or dive quickly) is the correct usage, Obliged(to constrain someone by force) all other options are incorrect

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 153

Directions: In each of the questions, two sentences are given, in which a blank is there and that blank will be filled with homophones. You are required to choose the correct order of the homophone pair.

1. While an autobiography is a work of nonfiction, a book like Cinderella is ____________, full of imaginative things that aren't real. That story book is a ___________________ work written by an amateur author.

A. fictitious, factitious
B. factitious, fiction
C. fiction, fictitious
D. fictitious, fiction
E. None of the above

2. As soon as she walked towards the front door of the five-star restaurant, a _____________ doorman greeted her with a smile. The man's pet dog is habitually _________ and full of zest, but that ends when the dog feels threatened.

A. jocose, jovial
B. jocular, jovial
C. jocose, jocund
D. jocund, jocose
E. None of the above

3. When students talk to their parents about their poor grades, it is not unusual for them to _________________. If Kavita did not ______________ so much, she could meet her daily work goals easily.

A. prevaricate, procrastinate
B. predominate, procrastinate
C. procrastinate, prevaricate
D. prevaricate, predominate
E. None of the above

4. After mixing the two chemicals, the students could be able to see through the ___________ liquid they have created. After a stressful and tiring day of work, I am going to enjoy a _____________ walk through the beautiful park.

A. limpid, linage
B. limpid, languid
C. languid, limpid
D. linage, languid
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Fiction- grounded in fantasy: not real
Fictitious- imaginary; made up
The correct pair of homophones is fiction, fictitious

2. Answer: D

Jocund- in high spirits; cheery
Jocose- playful; humorous
The correct pair of homophones is- jocund, jocose

3. Answer: A

Prevaricate- speak or act in an evasive way
Procrastinate- to put off until another time
The correct pair of homophones is prevaricate, procrastinate

4. Answer: B

Limpid- see-through; clear
Languid- very slow and relaxed
The correct pair of homophones is limpid, languid

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 154

Directions: Each question below has four sentences containing one blank each , which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option(homophones based) indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. I always had to help my dog get over the ____(stile(A)/style(B))

The author's writing ________________ attracted not only the youth but also married couples(stile(C)/style(D))

The sensitive girl didn't like when her friends make a ______________ about her weight(gibe(E)/jibe(F))

The explanation doesn't ________________ with the facts published in the book.(gibe(G)/jibe(H))

a) BDFG
b) ACFG
c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

2. There are certain ______________ to be followed when sitting in a group discussion.(principal(A)/principles(B))

The newly appointed ________________was vice president in one of the former school(principal(C)/principles(D))

She had no other way , but to dump him because of his _____________ drug habit(illicit(E)/elicit(F))

The robber tried to _____________ the information
from the bank manager by twisting his hand.(illicit(G)/elicit(H))

a) BDFG
b) ACFG
c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

3. The students already decided before the exam , their __________ was scratching their left eye if the answer option was 1.(queue(A)/ cue(B))

We stood in the ___________ waiting for hours, in order to get snacks on republic day.(cue(C)/queue(D))

The judgment was ____________ and appreciated by all(fair(E)/fare(F))

The _______________ charged was more during the lockdown to reduce the crowd(fair(G)/fare(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

4. ashok sat in a ____________ looking at his home, after a cyclone wrecked it.(daze(A)/days(B))

It's been several ___________ that I saw her in the college.(daze(C)/days(D))

I could hear the _____________ of the wedding bell, while i was sitting in the classroom.(peal(E)/peel(F))

It is necessary to ____________the potato before boiling. (peal(G)/peel(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

5. The two men were so angry at each other that they were ready to ____________ to death.(duel(A)/dual(B))

No one liked his character because he had a ____________ nature of dealing with people.(duel(C)/dual(D))

After his failure, he thought all his late night studies were in ___________(vane(E)/vain(F))

The _____________ of a windmill was damaged during the heavy storm. (vane(G)/vain(H))

a) BDFG

b) ADFG

c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Stile(an arrangement of steps that allow people but not animals to climb over a fence) Gibe(taunting words or an insulting comment), jibe(agree)

2. Answer: D

BCEH is the correct arrangement. Principal(head of school), principle(rules) Illicit(invalid), elicit(to bring out)

3. Answer: D

BDEH is the correct arrangement, Fair(right or ethical) fare(the fee an individual is charged in order to be transported anywhere) Cue(to signal at somebody to do something), queue(to arrange themselves into a physical waiting line)

4. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Peal(a loud sound), peel(to remove the skin or outer covering of) Daze(confused)

5. Answer: B

ADFG is the correct order, Vane(blade attached to a rotating axis)Vain(without success), Duel(a formal combat between two people with weapons, usually in a public place) Dual(consisting of two parts)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 155

Directions: In each of the following questions, two statements are given with a blank in each. Below each question, five prepositions are given, one of which could fit in both the blanks to make each statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the blank in each case.

1)

(I) India reported 3,32,730 new daily cases on Friday, the highest single day tally anywhere globally. Rising cases have been one of the main factors __________ the recent fall in the rupee, but the RBI's decision to commit to large bond purchases has added to downside momentum.

(II) Studying crystal-growth in microgravity reveals the fundamental physics _______ micro particleself-assembly and the kinds of colloidal structures that can be fabricated.

A. Alongside

B. Besides

C. For

D. With

E. Behind

2)

(I) Pending cases are a result of a systemic failure and ad hoc judges brought up in the said system are not going to perform any better ______ straining the exchequer.

(II) Amid the myriad speculationshovering the robbery case, I ought to have told the police, _____ they'd never have believed me.

A. for

B. towards

C. about

D. except

E. beside

3)

(I) Immunity also includes a cellular level response that can generate cross reactivity and so we can still expect a good antibody response which is why all vaccines, ________ the variant, will be fairly protective (against disease).

(II) The Chief Justice did not even order the government to issue notifications for the appointment of judges where the collegium had unanimously reiterated its recommendations_______ the government procrastinating over them for a long.

A. Inspite

B. For

C. Despite

D. Behind

E. With

4)

(I) In the face of the COVID19 crisis, the Reserve Bank had disallowed all banks from declaring any dividend for FY20, as the focus shifted to conserving capital ______ an uncertain environment.

(II) The arrest of the Bathiudeen brothers comes _______ growing calls from the Catholic church and political opposition for the government to expedite and complete the probe into the incident, a poll pledge of President GotabayaRajapaksa.

A. amid

B. for

C. between

D. during

E. following

5)

(I) The Indian Navy on Thursday dispatched its deep submergence rescue vessel (DSRV) from Visakhapatnam to support the Indonesian Navy in the search and rescue efforts for its submarine KRI Nanggala that went missing on Wednesday with 53 personnel __________.

(II) All Sophia had to work on was select from the spectrum she wanted to flaunt--blue for the last several days in quiet objection to her presence ____________ the ship-- and the ship's computer yearned it for her.

A. above

B. before

C. around

D. along
E. Aboard

Solutions

1) Answer: E

- Sentence (I) cites rising cases or the pandemic is causing the fall in rupee. Therefore, we can say the pandemic is responsible for the fall in rupee. Sentence (II) implies that a study has revealed that microparticleself-assembly is guided by physics. 'Behind' has both the meanings the above two sentences require and hence is the correct option. Alongside means 'next to' and hence irrelevant. Besides means 'in addition to' and hence irrelevant. 'For'as well as 'with' doesn't fit in both the sentences.

2) Answer: D

Sentence (I) cites that appointing ad hoc judges will do nothing other than costing the government ('straining the exchequer'). Sentence (II) cites that the person wished to tell the police but after the blank it cites the police had never believed him. Therefore, 'except' means 'not including; other than' which contains both the meaning stated above and hence fits as the most valid option.Rest of the options are irrelevant.

3) Answer: C

- Sentence (I) cites that we can expect a good antibody response because of which all vaccines will be fairly protective. Since it is saying 'all vaccines', that means the variant doesn't matter. Sentence (II) cites that the Chief Justice did not order the government to issue any notifications rather the collegium had reiterated its recommendations irrespective of government's actions. Therefore, 'despite' meaning 'without being affected by; in spite of' is the most valid option. 'Inspite of' is synonymous to despite but in the option 'of' is missing. Rest all the options are invalid.

4) Answer: A

- Sentence (I) cites that the RBI had disallowed all banks from declaring any dividend for FY20 as it is surrounded by an uncertain environment.

Sentence (II) cites that the arrest of the Bathiudeen brothers is surrounded by or against a background of growing calls from Church.

Therefore, ‘amid’,which supports both the meanings, correctly fits both the sentences. Rest all the options are invalid.

5) Answer: E

- Sentence (I) cites that the submarine had 53 personnel and Sentence (II) speaks about Sophia’s presence on the ship. Therefore ‘aboard’ meaning ‘on or into’ correctly fits both the sentences. Rest all the options are invalid.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 156

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentences to make them meaningfully complete.

1. President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday said that democracy has the capacity to __________________ all differences and urged the youth to rebuild Kashmir where violence is alien to the culture of the valley and was never part of 'Kashmiriyat' but has _________________ become the daily reality. He stressed that he wants to see Kashmir as paradise on earth.

a) Squirm, Sprightly

b) Reconcile, unfortunately

c) Articulate, Stately

d) Fret, Contumely

e) None of the above

2. Two more people — both private firm employees — have been _______________ in the case involving ______________ of MBBS candidates, taking the total number of arrests to five.

a) Impatient, diffident

b) Defendant, adversity

c) Indisputable, fresco

d) Apprehended, impersonation

e) None of the above

3.___________________ to the guidelines, 166, 128 birds of five poultry farms that fall within the one km radius of the two infected farms will be ____________________ to prevent further spread of the disease, he said.

a) Adhering, culled

b) Persevering, Incongruent

c) Unrelenting, Concealed

d) Attuning, Soporific

e) None of the above

4. Rahul Gandhi, for one, does feel that the issue needs to be played up; he is leading from the front on this one, holding an ___________________ press meet outside Parliament to highlight his concerns. But others in his party feel that the issue is not emotive enough to _____________________ outside the capital

a) Amphora, Taciturn
b) Intrusive, Inanimate
c) Ephemeral, Morsel
d) Impromptu, reverberate
e) None of the above

5. The Central health team on a visit to Kerala, which reported a _____________________ 40% share in the country's total active Covid-19 cases at present, has asked the state government to _____________________ vaccination and complete the Sero survey as soon as possible.

a) Dissipating, Thimble
b) Whopping, ramp up
c) Temperamental, wallow
d) Raging, Sequester
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Reconcile (restore friendly relation) and unfortunately are the correct words, the meanings of all other words are Squirm (wriggle/twist) Contumely (insult) Fret (annoy) Articulate (fluent) Stately (grand)

2. Answer: D

Apprehended(seized) and impersonation(imitate) are the correct words, the meanings of all other words are diffident(shy) fresco(artwork) Indisputable(undeniable) Impatient(intolerant)

3. Answer: A

Adhering(follow) and culled(prevent) are the correct words, the meanings of all other words are Soporific(dull) Concealed(hide)
Incongruent(different) Persevering(persistent)
Attuning(to bring in to harmony)

4. Answer: D

Impromptu (without preparation) and reverberate are the correct words, the meanings of all other words are Taciturn(reserved) Amphora(jug with two handles and a narrow neck) Morsel(fragment) Ephemeral(short-lived) inanimate(lifeless)

5. Answer: B

Whopping and ramp upare the correct words, the meanings of all other words are Temperamental(unpredictable) wallow(indulge in an unrestrained way) Sequester(separate) Thimble(a short metal or plastic cap with a closed end worn to protect the finger and push the needle in sewing) Dissipating(cause to disappear)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 157

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentences, choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct

1. The Navy on Thursday morning launched a fresh aerial search and rescue mission, ________________ helicopters to _______________ the waters off Mumbai coast, where the accommodation barge P305 went _____________ in Tauktae fury before it sank Monday.

a) Bewildered
b) Deploying
c) Scour
d) Adrift
e) Appointing
a) BCD
b) EAC
c) EAD
d) ECA
e) None of the above

2. In the present ___________________ of the COVID-19 pandemic, courts are also recognising the need to ________________ prisons.” Therefore, the CM requested Kovind to “kindly accept the recommendation of the state government" and pass appropriate orders for _________________ of life sentences of all the seven convicts and direct their immediate release.

a) Decongest
b) Cancellation
c) Circumstances
d) Remission
e) Situation
a) BCE
b) BEC
c) CAD

d) ECB
e) None of the above

3. The cyclone Tauktae which unleashed its ___________________ on Mumbaikars on Monday had caused heavy damage to the properties of the fishermen of the city as well. The huge tidal waves and _______________ winds not only damaged the fishing boats but several boats have gone missing after the high tide ___________________in the afternoon.

a) Gusty
b) Anger
c) decreased
d) Receded
e) Wrath
a) CEA
b) EBD
c) BAC
d) EAD
e) None of the above

4. The Centre directed Uttar Pradesh and Bihar on Sunday to ______________ dumping of dead bodies in the Ganga and its tributaries, and focus on their safe disposal and a ______________ cremation after corpses were seen floating in these rivers following a _______________ in the number of corona virus cases.

a) Dignified
b) Prevent
c) Allow
d) Lockdown
e) Spurt
a) CEA
b) BDE
c) CDA
d) BAE
e) None of the above

5. High-speed winds ________________ big advertisement hoardings in and around Kalyan injuring eight people as the ________________ of

Cyclone Tauktae wreaked _______________ in the state.

a) Uprooted
b) Destruction
c) Fury
d) Devastated
e) Havoc

a) BDE
b) ACE
c) AED
d) BDA
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

BCD is the correct arrangement, deploying (to arrange in a position of readiness) scour (search) adrift (purposeless) are the correct words, bewildered (confuse) is incorrect

2. Answer: C

CAD is the correct arrangement, cancellation, decongest (relieve the congestion of), remission (cancellation) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

3. Answer: D

EAD is the correct arrangement. Wrath (anger) gusty (stormy) receded (decreased) are the correct words, all other options are contextually incorrect.

4. Answer: D

BAE is the correct arrangement, prevent, dignified (manner that is worthy of respect), spurt (increase of activity) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

5. Answer: B

ACE is the correct arrangement, uprooted (to tear up by the roots) fury (extreme anger) havoc (widespread devastation) are the correct words, all other words do not fit contextually.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 158

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

1.

I) The soft milk-like cleansing lotion is made up of the concentrated ___________ Organic Aloe Vera and nonfat dry milk.

II) Mr. Bush now has an opportunity to revamp his reputation by adopting a more ____________ style.

A. Inclement

B. Turbulent

C. Flamboyant

D. Emollient

E. None of the above

2.

I) Nuclear weapons would be renounced only after a ____________________ of the threat of war in diplomacy.

II) The _________________ of any attempt to tax was at once cause and symptom of the state's demise.

A. Assertion

B. Renunciation

C. Condonement

D. Dissonance

E. None of the above

3.

I) The political candidate claimed the media was making a _____________attempt to ruin his reputation.

II) The commune provided some marginal bargaining power for the peasantry since _____________ resistance could not be lightly dismissed.

A. Partitioned

B. Cussed
C. Concerted
D. Reiterated
E. None of the above

4.

I) The Red Cross is dedicated to providing ____________and support to families who have been displaced by natural disasters

II) Sanctions breed fear and resignation in precisely the quarters they are meant to ____________.

A. Succour
B. Fugitive
C. Disdain
D. Austerity
E. None of the above

5.

I) My mother is a chatty woman and is quite skilled at getting rid of nosey neighbors in an ____________manner.

II) The government has clearly decided that a cut in interest rates would be politically ____________.

A. Altruistic
B. Imprudent
C. Ferocious
D. Consternation
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

Inclement, Turbulent – cold, bleak, extreme
Flamboyant – colourful, dazzling, ostentatious
Emollient – palliative, softening

2. Answer: B

Renunciation – resignation, surrender, abdication
Dissonance – discord, dissention, friction

Assertion, Condonement – contention, declaration, proclamation

3. Answer: C

Concerted – combined, communal, conjunct

Partitioned, Cussed – blasted, cursed

Reiterated – restated, rehearsed

4. Answer: A

Succour – support, foster, encourage

Fugitive - Fleeting, transient, fleeing

Disdain, Austerity – contempt, scorn, arrogance

5. Answer: E

Expedientshould be the correct word that fits the blanks

Expedient – scheme, plan, action

Altruistic- philonthropist,helper,supporter

Imprudent – careless, foolish, heedless

Ferocious – brutal, cruel, vicious

Consternation – anxiety, dismay

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 159

Directions: In each sentence below, there is a blank given. Find out the suitable phrasal verb that must fit in the sentence.

1. The Detectives were __________________ a tip from an informer and caught the fugitive redhanded.

A. Acting on

B. Acting out

C. Acting up

D. Adding on

E. None of these

2. Make sure you ________________ delays when planning a journey to the mountains.

A. Allow of

B. Allow for

C. Answer back

D. Argue down

E. None of these

3. Miley called earlier in the day and ___________________ you, so I told her you were fine.

A. Auctioned off

B. Asked out

C. Asked after

D. Asked around

E. None of these

4. One should always _________________________ important files and documents so that one doesn't lose all their work if something goes wrong with the system.

A. Bargain down

B. Ball up

C. Back out of

D. Back up

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Act on- To take action because of something like information received.

Act out- Perform something with actions and gestures.

Act up- Behave badly or strangely.

Add on- Include in a calculation.

Option A is the correct choice for this question.

2. Answer: B

Allow for-Include something in a plan or calculation.

Allow of -Make possible, permit.

Answer back-To reply rudely to someone in authority.

Argue down- Beat someone in a debate, discussion or argument.

Option B is the correct choice for this question.

3. Answer: C

Ask after-Enquire about someone's health, how life is going.

Ask around-Ask a number of people for information

Ask out- To invite someone for a date.

Auction off- Sell something in an auction.

Option C is the correct choice for this question.

4. Answer: D

Back up- Make a copy of computer data.

Back out of- Fail to keep an agreement, arrangement.

Ball up- Confuse or make things complicated.

Bargain down- Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling.

Option D is the correct choice for this question.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 160

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence,choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1. "Despite the __________________ of the modern-day dispute redressal system in our society, the villagefolk choose to punish the victimthrough their ________________ courts.It is such an ______________ factto even think that the womenfolk would go to the extent ofchopping off a lady's hair, stripping her and parading hernaked on the roadside."

a) kangaroo

b) inordinate

c) arrival

d) inconceivable

e) Advent

f) unbelievable

A. b-c-d

B. e-a-f

C. e-a-d

D. e-c-a

E. None of the above

2. Thursday's swearing in ceremony of PinarayiVijayanas Chief Minister of Kerala has been ______________ by the ________________ hike in the daily number ofCovid-19 patients in the Stateas well as the __________________.

a) overcome

b) Shadowed

c) unabated

d) unprecedented

e) fatalities.

f) comorbidities

A. b-c-e

B. b-e-f

C. f-a-d
D. f-c-b
E. None of the above

3. Most parts of North India, _______________ Delhi,Uttarakhand, Western andEastern Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, North Rajasthan, and some parts of HimachalPradesh _______________ moderate toheavy rain on Wednesday as Cyclone Tauktae________________ linger over north India and itwill continue till Thursday.

a) remain
b) expected
c) excluding
d) remnants
e) including
f) received
A. c-e-f
B. e-b-d
C. f-a-c
D. e-f-d
E. None of the above

4. ________________Unlock 1.0 gathered pace, overall hiring numbers remained significantly down compared with the corresponding period last year. White-collar jobs for freshers saw an upswing in June, ______________ demand for talent being down 30-60% from pre-Covid-19 levels, according to data from job sites Freshersworld.com, Indeed.com and Naukri.com. There were other pockets of hope. At IIT-Delhi, ________________some revoked offers, placements ended with1,100 joboffers, up 4% from last year. Of these 100 offers were received during online placements

a) despite
b) however
c) Even as
d) moreover
e) because
f) Despite
A. c-e-f

B. b-d-e
C. c-f-a
D. b-a-e
E. None of the above

5. Juventus kept alive its Champions League qualification _______________by winning atSerie A champion Inter Milan3-2, when Atlanta_________________ a place in Europe's premiercompetition. Atlanta ________________ second place in the Italian leaguebeating Genoa 4-3 and can nolonger finish outside the topfour.

a) Hopes
b) pessimistic
c) clinched
d) controlled
e) achieved
f) consolidated

A. b-d-e
B. a-c-f
C. a-e-f
D. c-a-d
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

EAD is the correct arrangement, kangaroo court(an idiom meaning unofficial court) advent(arrival) inconceivable(unbelievable) are the correct words, inordinate(excess) is wrong contextually

2. Answer: A

BCE is the correct arrangement, shadowed(make a person unhappy) unabated(without any reduction) fatality (death) are the correct usage. Comorbidities(person having more than one disease) and unprecedented(unexpected) are contextually incorrect

3. Answer: D

EFD is the correct arrangement, remnants(remaining), including, received are the correct usages.

4. Answer: C

CFA is the correct arrangement, even as(at the very same time as) despite(contradictory conjunction) are the correct usages.

5. Answer: B

ACF is the correct arrangement, hopes, clinched(confirmed), consolidated(brought together into a single whole) are the correct usages. Pessimistic(unhopeful) is contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 161

Directions: In each of the questions, two sentences are given below, in which a blank is given and that blank is related to homophones, you are required to choose the correct order of homophone pair.

1)

(i) In the first half of the 19th century, economic growth allowed some developing nations to ______ faster than developed nations in North America and Asia.

(ii) In 19th century, the French used to dance a ______ in the duple time, as a leisurely pleasure.

A) Galop, Galop
B) Gallop, Gallop
C) Galop, Gallop
D) Gallop, Galop
E) None of the above

2)

(i) Around the world, the vaccine rollout has been painfully slow, particularly in poorer countries as the richer ones ______ their vaccine patents.

(ii) The city is instituting an 8 p.m. curfew and declaring a state of emergency to try to get the _____ of Spring Breakers who have flooded the area under control.

A) Horde, Horde
B) Horde, Hoard
C) Hoard, Hoard
D) Hoard, Horde
E) None of the above

3)

(i) Taylor's death, and the failure to _______ the officers, spotlighted the rallying cry for justice for Black women who have died at the hands of police.

(ii) The manager, in his early retirement age, who once was as aggressive an employee as an athlete became feeble and couldn’t even ___________ a sanction proposal.

A) Indict, Indict

B) Indite, Indite
C) Indict, Indite
D) Indite, Indict
E) None of the above

4)

(i) Deslyn remembers the day with perfect clarity, her teenage son, a senior in high school, _____ in the front seat of the family car, she did not understand what was wrong.

(ii) Without the efforts of conservationists, the world would have no _______ eagles, black rhinos, or whooping cranes.

A) Bald, Bald
B) Bawled, Bawled
C) Bald, Bawled
D) None of these
E) Bawled, Bald

5)

(i) Maxwell, the daughter of the late British press ______ Robert Maxwell, was born in France on Christmas Day in 1961.

(ii) The littlest things, like watching the tree outside of the bedroom window go from _____ in March, to flowering in April, to full and green in May.

A) Baron, Barren
B) Baron, Baron
C) Barren, Barren
D) Barren, Baron
E) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: D

'Gallop' means a rapid or hasty progression or pace.
'Galop' is a form of 19th century dance in France.
The jump of a horse is also called gallop. Therefore, a jump can also be seen abstractly as a rapid progress. So, we can remember both the meanings in this way.

2) Answer: D

‘Hoard’ means to collect and often hide away a supply of something.

‘Horde’ means a large unorganized group of individuals: a teeming crowd or throng.

3) Answer: C

‘Indict’ means to charge with a crime.

‘Indite’ means to put down in writing.

4) Answer: E

‘Bawled’ means to cry out loudly and unrestrainedly.

‘Bald’ means lacking a natural or usual covering (as of hair, vegetation, or nap).

5) Answer: A

‘Baron’ means a man who possesses great power or influence in some field of activity.

‘Barren’ means an extent of usually level land having an inferior growth of trees or little vegetation.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 162

Direstions: In the following questions a paragraph is given with two blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1. While Kerala's achievements in human development are well-known, there is a __________ misconception that Kerala has not _______ much economic growth.

A. Common, Having

B. Vintage, Has

C. Widespread, Had

D. Universal, Have

E. None of these.

2. Electoral promises ________ as a road map for elected governments and deserve greater ________.

A. Sanction, Inventory

B. Sort, Investiture

C. Severe, Glance

D. Serve, Scrutiny

E. None of these.

3. Reporters often _________ a framework to _________ the claims of political parties and institutions.

A. Diversify, Inform

B. Demean, Evaluation

C. Develop, Evaluate

D. Dissect, Informed

E. None of these.

4. The DMRC has ________ the process of __________ 280 coaches which have completed 15 years of service on the Red Line.

A. Being, Renovating

B. Begin, Reinvigorating

C. Begun, Refurbishing
D. Began, Removal
E. None of these.

5. The 79-year-old __________ scientist, who was given a clean chit by the CBI, maintained that the Kerala Police had ________ the case.

A. Former, Fabricated
B. Formerly, Fascinated
C. Formally, Fabricated
D. Foment, Fascinated
E. None of these.

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Widespread- found or distributed over a large area or number of people.

Vintage- the year or place in which wine, especially wine of high quality, was produced. 'HAD' which means 'possess, own, or hold' is the past form of HAVE and HAS. You can use 'had' with either a plural or singular subject in any point-of-view (first-person, second-person, or third-person).

2. Answer: D

Serve- be of use in achieving or satisfying.

Scrutiny- critical observation or examination.

Inventory- a complete list of items such as property, goods in stock, or the contents of a building.

Investiture- the action of formally investing a person with honours or rank.

3. Answer: C

Diversify- make or become more diverse or varied.

Demean- cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something).

Develop- start to exist, experience, or possess.

Evaluate (verb)- form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess. [Evaluation- noun]

Dissect- analyse (a text or idea) in minute detail.

4. Answer: C

"Begun" is a past participle. It is used to talk about something which started in the past, but which continues into the present.

Refurbishing- renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building).

5. Answer: A

Former- having previously been a particular thing.

Fabricated- invent (something) in order to deceive.

Fascinated- attract the strong attention and interest of (someone).

Foment- instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Formally- in accordance with convention or etiquette.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 163

Directions: In each of the questions, two sentences are given, in which a blank is there and that blank will be filled with homophones. You are required to choose the correct order of the homophone pair.

1. While an autobiography is a work of nonfiction, a book like Cinderella is ___________, full of imaginative things that aren't real. That story book is a _________________ work written by an amateur author.

A. fictitious, factitious

B. factitious, fiction

C. fiction, fictitious

D. fictitious, fiction

E. None of the above

2. As soon as she walked towards the front door of the five-star restaurant, a ____________ doorman greeted her with a smile. The man's pet dog is habitually ________ and full of zest, but that ends when the dog feels threatened.

A. jocose, jovial

B. jocular, jovial

C. jocose, jocund

D. jocund, jocose

E. None of the above

3. When students talk to their parents about their poor grades, it is not unusual for them to _______________. If Kavita did not _____________ so much, she could meet her daily work goals easily.

A. prevaricate, procrastinate

B. predominate, procrastinate

C. procrastinate, prevaricate

D. prevaricate, predominate

E. None of the above

4. After mixing the two chemicals, the students could be able to see through the __________ liquid they have created. After a stressful and tiring day of work, I am going to enjoy a ____________ walk through the beautiful park.

A. limpid, linage
B. limpid, languid
C. languid, limpid
D. linage, languid
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Fiction- grounded in fantasy: not real
Fictitious- imaginary; made up
The correct pair of homophones is fiction, fictitious

2. Answer: D

Jocund- in high spirits; cheery
Jocose- playful; humorous
The correct pair of homophones is- jocund, jocose

3. Answer: A

Prevaricate- speak or act in an evasive way
Procrastinate- to put off until another time
The correct pair of homophones is prevaricate, procrastinate

4. Answer: B

Limpid- see-through; clear
Languid- very slow and relaxed
The correct pair of homophones is limpid, languid

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 164

Directions: Each question below has four sentences containing one blank each , which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option(homophones based) indicating the words that can be used to fill the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. I always had to help my dog get over the ____(stile(A)/style(B))

The author's writing ________________ attracted not only the youth but also married couples(stile(C)/style(D))

The sensitive girl didn't like when her friends make a ______________ about her weight(gibe(E)/jibe(F))

The explanation doesn't ________________ with the facts published in the book.(gibe(G)/jibe(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BCEH

e) None of the above

2. There are certain ______________ to be followed when sitting in a group discussion.(principal(A)/principles(B))

The newly appointed ________________was vice president in one of the former school(principal(C)/principles(D))

She had no other way , but to dump him because of his _____________ drug habit(illicit(E)/elicit(F))

The robber tried to _____________ the information from the bank manager by twisting his hand.(illicit(G)/elicit(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BCEH

e) None of the above

3. The students already decided before the exam , their __________ was scratching their left eye if the answer option was 1.(queue(A)/ cue(B))

We stood in the ___________ waiting for hours, in order to get snacks on republic day. (cue(C)/queue(D))

The judgment was ____________ and appreciated by all(fair(E)/fare(F))

The _______________ charged was more during the lockdown to reduce the crowd(fair(G)/fare(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

4. ashok sat in a ____________ looking at his home, after a cyclone wrecked it.(daze(A)/days(B))

It's been several ___________ that I saw her in the college.(daze(C)/days(D))

I could hear the _____________ of the wedding bell, while i was sitting in the classroom.(peal(E)/peel(F))

It is necessary to ____________the potato before boiling. (peal(G)/peel(H))

a) BDFG

b) ACFG

c) ADEH

d) BDEH

e) None of the above

5. The two men were so angry at each other that they were ready to ____________ to death. (duel(A)/dual(B))

No one liked his character because he had a ____________ nature of dealing with people.(duel(C)/dual(D))

After his failure, he thought all his late night studies were in ___________(vane(E)/vain(F))

The _____________ of a windmill was damaged during the heavy storm. (vane(G)/vain(H))

a) BDFG

b) ADFG

c) ADEH
d) BCEH
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Stile(an arrangement of steps that allow people but not animals to climb over a fence) Gibe(taunting words or an insulting comment), jibe(agree)

2. Answer: D

BCEH is the correct arrangement. Principal(head of school), principle(rules) Illicit(invalid), elicit(to bring out)

3. Answer: D

BDEH is the correct arrangement, Fair(right or ethical) fare(the fee an individual is charged in order to be transported anywhere) Cue(to signal at somebody to do something), queue(to arrange themselves into a physical waiting line)

4. Answer: C

ADEH is the correct arrangement, Peal(a loud sound), peel(to remove the skin or outer covering of) Daze(confused)

5. Answer: B

ADFG is the correct order, Vane(blade attached to a rotating axis)Vain(without success), Duel(a formal combat between two people with weapons, usually in a public place) Dual(consisting of two parts)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 165

Directions: In the given question one statement with a blank is given along with five words, three of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words is given. Pick up the combination of words that fits into the blank.

1. The income of the children engaged in child labour is too _____ to have any significant effect on the economic condition of their families.

a) Meagre
b) Limited
c) Scarce
d) Prevalent
e) Outraging
A) abc
B) cde
C) abd
D) bde
E) cea

2. The Finance Ministry seems to be having second thoughts on whether to give ____ to a growing demand from the auto industry for goods and service tax (GST) rate cuts, given the hole it might burn in the revenues.

a) Accent
b) Consent
c) Approval
d) Accede
e) Ascent
A) cde
B) bcd
C) bde
D) acd
E) cab

3. The monsoon has now further ______ into Maldives-Comorin area, some more parts of south Bay of Bengal and covered Andaman Sea along with Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

a) Retaliated
b) Advanced
c) Directed
d) Forwarded
e) Progressed
A) abc
B) bce
C) bde
D) bcd
E) abe

4. There is need to ______ skills and technological capabilities to connect manufacturing activities to the global value-chain with consistency and reliability of quality and standard of products.

a) Harness
b) Jovial
c) Exercise
d) Warranted
e) Utilize
A) bad
B) cde
C) bcd
D) adc
E) ace

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The sentence implies that the income of the children does not have a significant effect on the economic condition of their families because their income is too low. Meagre means '(of something provided or available)' lacking in quantity or quality. Scarce: insufficient, not plenty in amount.

Limited is also synonym of scarce and meagre.

So the words scarce, meagre and limited are perfect fit for the blank. Hence option A is the correct answer.

2. Answer: B

“Ascent” means to ascend or go upward and “accent” means “articulation of words” both which are irrelevant here. “Accede” means “to agree”. Which is suitable for the blank contextually.

Consent: to give approval, to permit or agree. So, consent and approval synonymous to accede. Hence option B is the correct answer.

3. Answer: C

The word ‘retaliate’ means to make an attack in return for a similar attack’. This does not fit the given blank.

The word advanced means proceeded or moved further’. ‘Directed’ means directed control the operations of; manage or govern’. It also mean ‘to point towards a particular direction’. This does not fit in the blank.

Forward- onward, ahead

Progressing- to move forward.

Forward and progressing are synonymous to advanced.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

4. Answer: E

The word harness means ‘make practical and effective use of’ it makes perfect sense if used in blank.

The word ‘jovial’ means ‘cheerful and friendly’. It does not fit the given blank. The phrase jovial skills makes no sense.

Warranted – justify or necessitate

Exercise- an activity carried out for specific purpose

Utilize – to make practical and effective use

Among these words, harness, exercise and utilize are perfect for each other. So they are perfect fit for the blank.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 166

Directions: Given below are triple fillers with three blanks in each sentence,choose the proper sequence of words mentioned in the options to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

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Solutions

1. Answer: C

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2. Answer: A

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3. Answer: D

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CFA is the correct arrangement, even as(at the very same time as) despite(contradictory conjunction) are the correct usages.

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ACF is the correct arrangement, hopes, clinched(confirmed), consolidated(brought together into a single whole) are the correct usages. Pessimistic(unhopeful) is contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 167

Direstions: In the following questions a paragraph is given with two blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1. While Kerala's achievements in human development are well-known, there is a _________ misconception that Kerala has not ______ much economic growth.

A. Common, Having
B. Vintage, Has
C. Widespread, Had
D. Universal, Have
E. None of these.

2. Electoral promises _______ as a road map for elected governments and deserve greater _______.

A. Sanction, Inventory
B. Sort, Investiture
C. Severe, Glance
D. Serve, Scrutiny
E. None of these.

3. Reporters often ________ a framework to ________ the claims of political parties and institutions.

A. Diversify, Inform
B. Demean, Evaluation
C. Develop, Evaluate
D. Dissect, Informed
E. None of these.

4. The DMRC has _______ the process of _________ 280 coaches which have completed 15 years of service on the Red Line.

A. Being, Renovating
B. Begin, Reinvigorating

C. Begun, Refurbishing
D. Began, Removal
E. None of these.

5. The 79-year-old __________ scientist, who was given a clean chit by the CBI, maintained that the Kerala Police had ________ the case.

A. Former, Fabricated
B. Formerly, Fascinated
C. Formally, Fabricated
D. Foment, Fascinated
E. None of these.

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Widespread- found or distributed over a large area or number of people.
Vintage- the year or place in which wine, especially wine of high quality, was produced.
'HAD' which means 'possess, own, or hold' is the past form of HAVE and HAS. You can use 'had' with either a plural or singular subject in any point-of-view (first-person, second-person, or third-person).

2. Answer: D

Serve- be of use in achieving or satisfying.
Scrutiny- critical observation or examination.
Inventory- a complete list of items such as property, goods in stock, or the contents of a building.
Investiture- the action of formally investing a person with honours or rank.

3. Answer: C

Diversify- make or become more diverse or varied.
Demean- cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something).
Develop- start to exist, experience, or possess.
Evaluate (verb)- form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess. [Evaluation- noun]
Dissect- analyse (a text or idea) in minute detail.

4. Answer: C

"Begun" is a past participle. It is used to talk about something which started in the past, but which continues into the present.

Refurbishing- renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building).

5. Answer: A

Former- having previously been a particular thing.

Fabricated- invent (something) in order to deceive.

Fascinated- attract the strong attention and interest of (someone).

Foment- instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Formally- in accordance with convention or etiquette.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 168

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Viruses can only survive and multiply in host cells and therefore, studying SARSCoV2 virus will require studying the host. As the viral genome takes the help of host machinery, understanding the host genome is __________ to studying both __________ and protection against the virus in a given population.

A) important, vulnerable
B) importance, susceptibility
C) unnecessary, Sensitive
D) paramount, susceptibility
E) paramount, susceptible

2. The locations of the North and South Poles change as the Earth's axis _________. Global warming and melting glaciers could have redistributed the global water fronts to such an extent that they have redefined the 'polar wander' or the ______ of the Earth's axis, finds a study published in Geophysical Research Letters.

A) Spinned, changing
B) Spins, grinding
C) Changes, circling
D) None of these
E) spins, drifting

3. Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on Saturday claimed another ___________ in their bid to end the worst clashes at their shared border in memory as several thousand Kyrgyz demonstrators _________ against what they called an invasion attempt by their Central Asian neighbour.

A) breakthrough, inclined
B) breakthrough, rallied
C) prize, stopped
D) loss, rallied
E) None of these

4. The World Health Organization has given the goahead for emergency use of Moderna's COVID19 vaccine. The mRNA vaccine from the U.S. manufacturer __________ joins vaccines from AstraZeneca, Pfi-BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson in receiving the WHO's ___________ emergency use listing.

A) readily, unapproved

B) slowly, hasten

C) Hastily, narrow

D) Desperately, inappropriate

E) None of the above

5. The Chief Election Commissioner of India has appealed to the Supreme Court against the oral comments _______ to the judges of the Madras High Court on the poll body and its officials _________ them as responsible for the surge in the COVID19 pandemic.

A) Suggested, highlighting

B) Rendered, degrading

C) designated, showing

D) attributed, portraying

E) given, showing

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The first blank needs an adjective and the second blank needs a noun. The passage tells us that as the viral genome will prey on a host, the host genome will be required to study. Also, after the blank the word protection has been used so therefore before the blank, susceptibility will logically fit meaning it is important to study to find a way to get protected as well as how likely are we vulnerable or susceptible to the virus. Therefore D is the correct choice.

2. Answer: E

Earth spins around its axis. Therefore Spins is the correct word for the first blank. Drifting is the correct word for the second blank which means moving place to place.

3. Answer: B

We never claim a loss. We claim a success and breakthrough means the same. Demonstrator will not stop and also stop is not used with against. Inclined is also irrelevant. Therefore, Rallied is correct and B is the correct choice.

4. Answer: E

None of the above..No words suits the blank.

5. Answer: D

The judges of Madras High court gave remarks or attributed some comments which were not accepted by the Chief Election Commissioner and therefore he appealed to the Supreme Court. Portraying means to show. Try to
eliminate rest of the options.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 169

Directions: In the Questions given below, there are two statements; each statement consists of a blank. You have to choose the option which provides the correct word that fits in the blanks in both the statements appropriately making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

1) Facebook has been facing …………. Of bias and inability to curb hate content on its platform in India for nearly two years.

a) Allegations
b) Accusations
c) Claims
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

2) The court has …………. principles of international law into its verdicts.

a) Adept
b) Adapted
c) Adopted
A) Only a
B) Only b
C) Only c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

3) The principle of sustainable development remains a vital check on ………….. expansion.

a) Bridled
b) Unbridled
c) Brittle
A) Only a
B) Only b

C) Only c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

4) My daughter and I value chocolate wrappers as a decorative item for the …………. they bring to the display.

a) Gloss
b) Tenderness
c) Brilliance
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

5) The judge is expected ………… this year to consider Meta's bid to dismiss the lawsuit.

a) Latter
b) Later
c) Following
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

Solutions

1) Answer: D

All the given words are synonyms of each other.

Allegations: a statement, made without giving proof, that someone has done something wrong or illegal; Accusations; Claims.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

All the given words are fit grammatically but only "Adapted" can be fit contextually in the given blank.

Adept is an adjective, and the other two are verbs. And their meanings are different. Adept means "good at doing something." Adapt means "to change for a new situation." Adopt usually means "to take something legally as your own."
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: B

Only "Unbridled" is the contextually correct word.
A bridle is a contraption used to control a horse, including the reins held by the rider and the bit that goes into the horse's mouth. Add the un prefix and it means there is no control. Brittle (Adjective): delicate and easily broken.
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

4) Answer: C

The given sentence says that two people value wrappers because they can be used as a decorative item.
"Gloss" and "Brilliance" are synonyms of each other and fit both grammatically and contextually in the given blank.
Tenderness is out of context here.
Tenderness: the feeling of concern, gentle affection, or warmth.
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

5) Answer: C

Options a and c are synonyms of each other.
Later: referring to time.
Latter: referring to the second of two persons or things mentioned previously.
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 170

Directions: Fill the blanks in the given sentence with appropriate words from the given option.

1. The auto sector is on the ___________ of recovery even as it faces ___________ such as high commodity prices and the global semiconductor crisis.

A. Trace, blooms

B. hold, downfalls

C. cusp, headwinds

D. behold, withers

E. transition, ruin

2. Freezing hard currency reserves of Russia’s Central Bank is an ___________ move and it could quickly ___________ the Russian economy into chaos.

A. Extravagant, splurge

B. Intellectual, plunder

C. Elated, drag

D. unprecedented, plunge

E. endurable, plummet

3. Bank credit is ___________ in ___________ the socially and economically weaker sections of society.

A. pivotal, deprecating

B. trivial, evaluating

C. mandatory, unifying

D. Crucial, empowering

E. Constrained, manipulating

4. With the entire crop getting ___________ by the virus attack, arrivals at the market are ___________.

A. Effected, soggy

B. Infected, mushroom.

C. Insured, costly

D. Drenched, damaged

E. Affected, slack

5. Environment activists ___________ that the States have not taken ___________ action against those who have defied the law and cultivated GM crops.

A. allege, Stringent

B. recommend, considerable

C. mandate, requisite

D. complain, enthralling

E. assume, entail

Solutions

1. Answer: C

●'Cusp' means 'a point of transition between two different states'.

●'Headwinds' means 'forces or influences that inhibits progress'.

●The sentence says the auto sector is in the state of recovery even though it faces many obstacles.

●Option A is appropriate to the context.

●'Transition' means 'the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another'.

●'Ruin' means 'physical, moral, economic, or social collapse'.

●'Transition' could fill the first blank, but the second blank requires a plural noun. So option E is eliminated.

●'Trace' means 'a mark, object, or other indication of the existence or passing of something.'

●'Blooms' means 'a state or time of high development or achievement'.

●'Blooms' is contextually incorrect. So option B is eliminated.

●Other options are inappropriate contextually.

●'Hold' means 'power or control'.

●'Downfalls' means 'a loss of power, prosperity, or status'.

●'Behold' means 'see or observe'.

●'Withers' means 'cease to flourish; fall into decay or decline.'

2. Answer: D

●'Unprecedented' means 'never done or known before'.

●'Plunge' means 'to descend or dip suddenly'.

●The sentence says the move (freezing hard currency reserves of Russia's

Central Bank) is an unprecedented one that could make the Russian economy dip into chaos.

●So option A is appropriate.

●'Intellectual' means 'engaged in activity requiring the creative use of the intellect'

●'plunder' means 'to take by force or wrongfully'

●The second blank requires a verb, but plunder is noun.

●So option B is eliminated

●Other options are inappropriate contextually.

●'Extravagant' means 'lacking restraint in spending money or using resources'.

●'Splurge' means 'spend (money) freely or extravagantly'.

●'Elated' means 'ecstatically happy'.

●'Drag' means 'pull (someone or something) along forcefully, roughly, or with difficulty.'

●'Endurable' means 'able to be tolerated or endured.'

●'Plummet' means 'to fall suddenly and quickly from a high level or position.'

3. Answer: D

●'Crucial' means 'decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something'.

●'Empowering' means 'give (someone) the authority or power to do something'.

●The sentence says bank credit is critical in giving power to the weaker sections of the society.

●Only option D is appropriate.

●'Pivotal' means 'of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else'.

●'Deprecating' means 'expressing disapproval; disapproving'.

●'Pivotal' can fit the first blank, but 'deprecating' is contextually inappropriate. Other options are contextually incorrect.

●'Trivial' means 'of little value or importance'.

●'Evaluating' means 'assessing'.

●'Mandatory' means 'compulsory'.

●'Unifying' means 'make or become united, uniform, or whole'.

●'Constrained' means 'appearing forced or overly controlled'.

●'Manipulating' means 'handle or control (a tool, mechanism, etc.), typically in a skillful manner'.

4. Answer: E

●'Affected' means 'to cause illness, symptoms, etc., in (someone or something)'.

●'Slack' means 'decrease or reduce in intensity, quantity, or speed'.

●The sentence says crops are affected by virus so the arrivals at market are reduced.

●Option E fits the blanks.

●'Infected' means '(of a person, organism, etc.) affected with a disease-causing organism'.

●'Mushroom' means 'increase, spread, or develop rapidly'.

●'Infected' could fit the blank, but 'mushroom' is inappropriate. So option B is eliminated.

●Other options are inappropriate.

●'Effected' means 'cause (something) to happen; bring about'.

●'Soggy' means 'wet and soft'.

●'Insured' means 'covered by insurance'.

●'Costly' means 'costing a lot; expensive'.

●'Drenched' means 'wet thoroughly; soak'.

●'Damaged' means 'inflict physical harm on (something) so as to impair its value, usefulness, or normal function'.

5. Answer: A

●'Allege' means 'claim or assert that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically without proof that this is the case'.

●'Stringent' means '(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting'.

●The sentence says that environment activists are complaining that the states are not strict against those who defied law.

●So option A is appropriate.

●'Complain' means 'express dissatisfaction or annoyance about something'.

●'Enthralling' means 'capturing and holding one's attention; fascinating'.

●'Complaining' could fit the blank but 'enthralling' is inappropriate contextually. So option D is eliminated.

●'Assume' means 'suppose to be the case, without proof'.

●'Entail' means 'involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence'.

●The second blank requires an adjective. But entail is a verb. So option E is eliminated. Other options are inappropriate contextually.

●'Recommend' means 'put forward (someone or something) with approval as being suitable for a particular purpose or role'.

●'Considerable' means 'significant'.

●'Mandate' means 'give (someone) authority to act in a certain way'.

●'Requisite' means 'a thing that is necessary for the achievement of a specified end'.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 171

Directions: In each of the questions below, two sentences are given with two blanks each. Identify the correct pair of words that fits in both the sentences to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1) The National Board of Examinations does not __(A)__ the answer keys nor does it offer a chance for___(B)___.

Blank A	Blank B
a) Publish	d) Modification
b) Divulge	e) reassess
c) Disclose	f) revaluation

A) Both a-e and b-d
B) Both b-f and c-d
C) Both b-e and c-f
D) All a-d, b-e, and c-f
E) None of the above

2) ___(A)__ meaningless rules and regulations also make students' lives ___(B)___.

Blank A	Blank B
a) Countless	d) buoyant
b) Finite	e) miserable
c) multifarious	f) wretched

A) Both a-e and b-d
B) Both a-f and c-e
C) Both b-e and c-f
D) All a-d, b-e, and c-f
E) None of the above

3) When we do not have the complete___(A)___, we must ___(B)___for things to go wrong.

Blank A	Blank B
a) Scenario	d) Expect
b) Knowledge	e) anticipate
c) picture	f) Calculate

A) Only a-e
B) Both a-f and b-d
C) Both b-e and c-f
D) All a-d, b-e, and c-f
E) None of the above

4) Life brings us face to face with ____(A)___ and ____(B)____ most of the time.

Blank A	Blank B
a) Dilatory	d) Subsume
b) certainties	e) lucidities
c) uncertainties	f) ambiguities

A) Only a-e
B) Both a-f and b-d
C) Both b-e and c-f
D) All a-d, b-e, and c-f
E) None of the above

5) The educators' role in spreading awareness about conservation and ____(A)___ is ____(B)____.

Blank A	Blank B
a) sustainability	d) enormous
b) vitality	e) colossal
c) stability	f) gargantuan

Solutions

1) Answer: D

The given sentence says that NBE neither shows the answer keys nor gives any chance for rechecking.

For the first blank, all three words are grammatically fitand contextually correct.

Divulge: to make public

For the second blank, all the given words are synonyms of each other and hence correct.

Revaluation: the action of assessing the value of something again; reassess; modification.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The given sentence says that many meaningless rules and regulations don't make any sense and make students' lives unhappy.

For the first blank, "countless" and "multifarious" both are suitable.

Finite is contextually incorrect here.

For the second blank, we need a word related to unhappiness.

"Miserable" and "wretched" are synonyms of each other.

Miserable: wretched; very unhappy.

Buoyant: happy and confident

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: A

The given sentence says that when we don't have complete information about something then wecalculate things with mistakes.

For the first blank, all the given words are correct. But for the second blank "calculate" contextually incorrect.

Anticipate and Except:

These words are often used interchangeably but anticipate means to expect something and take action in expectation. Expect means regarded as likely to happen and does not require any action.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

4) Answer: C

These two blanks connect with the connector "and", which means we have to use same parts of speech with the same tone on both sides.

Here, the preposition "with" is used. So, we choose the options which contain verbs with the ‘ing’ form or anoun.

Dilatory is an adjective that means "slow to act". It is out of context here.

Subsume is a base form of a verb which means "include or absorb (something) in something else". It can be ruled out.

Uncertainties and ambiguities are synonyms of each other.

Certainties and lucidities are synonyms of each other.

Both combinations fit both contextually and grammatically. But both have different meanings.

Pair "c-f" makes the sentence negative and pair "b-e" makes the sentence positive.

5) Answer: D

For the first blank, all the given words are synonyms of each other.

Sustainability: the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level; stability; vitality.

For the second blank, all the given words are synonyms of each other.

Gargantuan: very big or very great, huge; colossal; enormous.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 172

Directions: In the following questions, two statements are given each of which consists of a blank. From the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate pair of words that fits correctly in the given sentences to make them grammatically/contextually meaningful. If none of the pairs is correct, choose option E as your answer.

1)

I. It is _________ that Assam and the other States locked in dispute use goodwill and the good offices of the Centre.

II. Prisoners' identification Bill, which raises privacy and data safety concerns, requires deep _________.

A. inclusive, regulation

B. complying, examination

C. imperative, scrutiny

D. essential, laxity

E. None of these

2.

I. The Centre has announced that it ______ the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Meghalaya on April 1.

II. The President should acknowledge the depth of the crisis and the rising public _______.

A. implemented, progression

B. monitored, disciplinary

C. empowered, acceptance

D. revoked, disenchantment

E. None of these

3.

I. Policymakers must go beyond stopgap ______ to help lower some of the tariff walls.

II. The country's current situation is due to misguided policies and ______ external advice.

A. policies, skilled
B. measures, flawed
C. guidelines, effective
D. disabilities, proficient
E. None of these

4.

I. There is a _______ that most of the fundamental factors discussed in 'The Limits to Growth' have come true.

II. Due to Russia's war on Ukraine, Indian foreign policy is also going to be affected in a _______ manner.

A. consensus, profound
B. transform, competent
C. dispute, callous
D. lament, reasonable
E. None of these

5.

I. There are _______ that the civic polls have been deliberately delayed to further strengthen the MLAs.

II. The accessibility guidelines for higher education institutions and universities require some _______.

A. reductions, notifications
B. operations, retention
C. allegations, modifications
D. regulations, relaxations
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Sentence I is talking about the importance of Assam and other states in dispute using goodwill.

Sentence II is talking about a particular bill requiring a deep examination.

Therefore, the words given in option C fit correctly:

Imperative: vital; important Scrutiny: critical observation or examination.

2. Answer: D

Sentence I is talking about cancelling the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.

Sentence II is talking about crisis and the rising dissatisfaction among the people.

Therefore, the words given in option D fit correctly:

Revoked: officially cancel (a decree, decision, or promise).

Disenchantment: a feeling of disappointment about someone or something you previously respected or admired; disillusionment.

3. Answer: B

Sentence I is talking about the temporary course of action to help lower tariffs.

Sentence II is talking about defective external advice and misguided policies being the reason for country's current situation.

Therefore, the words given in option D fit correctly:

Measures: a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.

Flawed: having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.

4. Answer: A

Sentence I is talking about the presence of harmony as the fundamental factors that were discussed have come true.

Sentence II is talking about Indian foreign policy going to be affected to a great extent. Therefore, the words given in option A fit correctly:

Consensus: a general agreement.

Profound: (of a state, quality, or emotion) very great or intense.

5. Answer: C

Sentence I is talking about arguments over civic polls.

Sentence II is talking about university guidelines requiring some changes.

Therefore, the words given in option C fit correctly:

Al legations: a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof. Modifications: changes or improvements

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 173

Direction: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with two blanks in it. Using the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate pair of words that can be filled in the given sentence to make it grammatically/contextually meaningful. If none of the pairs fits correctly, choose option E as your answer.

1. The practices that involve the collection, storage and destruction of _______ details of a personal nature ought to be introduced only after a strong data protection law, with _______ punishment for breaches, is in place.

A. mercurial, viable
B. reliable, successful
C. vital, stringent
D. intense, aggressive
E. None of these

2. Education Ministers from Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh have _______ some _________ concerns over the new common entrance test for admission in undergraduate programmes.

A. flagged, legitimate
B. undermined, vulnerable
C. bolstered, frivolous
D. baffled, reasonable
E. Contended

3. It has been sufficiently _______ that common entrance tests beget the coaching industry and _______ cost-heavy hybrid courses from class VI onwards, creating a divide between the haves and have-nots.

A. perceived, appraise
B. ramped, misjudge
C. considered, recuperate
D. demonstrated, induce
E. None of these

4. There is _______ resentment against the current government's ________ of the economy, which the Opposition has tried to capture by mobilising support for the no-trust motion.

A. unstable, noticing

B. widespread, handling

C. consistent, assessing

D. striving, improving

E. None of these

5. Policymakers must go beyond stopgap measures such as enabling rupee-rouble trade and ________ ongoing _______ on the raft of free trade agreements so as to help lower some of the tariff walls.

A. expedite, negotiations

B. ensure, modifications

C. enclose, relations

D. liberate, conditions

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The words given in option C fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Vital: absolutely necessary; essential.

Stringent: (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.

2. Answer: A

The words given in option A fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Flagged: mark (an item) for attention or treatment in a specified way.

Legitimate: conforming to the law or to rules.

3. Answer: D

The sentence means that entrance tests bring about the coaching industry and promote costheavy courses.

So, the words given in option D fit correctly in the sentence:

Demonstrated: clearly show the existence or truth of (something) by giving proof or evidence. Induce: bring about or give rise to.

4. Answer: B

According to the given context, the words given in option B fit correctly in the sentence:

Widespread: found or distributed over a large area or number of people.
Handling: cope or deal with (someone or something).

5. Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, the words given in option A fit correctly in the given sentence.
Expedite: make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly.
Negotiations: discussion aimed at reaching an agreement.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 174

Directions: In the following sentences, two blanks are given. You have to identify the correct pair of option to fill the blank. If none of the option is correct, then mark (E) as your answer

1. The spirit of togetherness would be a ________ against the fragmentation caused by ' vilifying' other faiths that is driving the country towards _________

A. Fortified, collapse

B. Bash, sag

C. Bulwark, collapse

D. Commend, subside

E. None of these

2. For schoolchildren to ________ the principles of equality and pluralistic unity, school education must be _________ first.

A. Exude, raised

B. Absorb, salvaged

C. Absolve, allayed

D. Learn, slaved

E. None of these

3. The US has long been considered a champion of human rights and progressive legislations but _________ of abortion rights ________ this reputation.

A. Overturning, belies

B. Cancellation, disguise

C. Overturning, roll up

D. Enactment, conceal

E. None of these

4. Taiwan is now the most important ________ in the Indo - Pacific as relations between the world's pre-eminent power and its _________ challenger are worsening.

A. Dilemma, apparent

B. Flashpoint, ostensible

C. Convergence, outward

D. Dilemma, ostensible
E. None of these

5. The realization has dawned after engineering graduates from ___________ schools have failed to interact in English _________ in their places of work, despite the seemingly attractive placements.

A. Renowned, forcefully
B. Seedy, successfully
C. Unsung, usefully
D. Esteemed, effectively
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The context of the sentence says that togetherness worked as a wall against the actions, which try to defame other faith, which is driving the country towards a fall

Option (A) - 'fortified' is grammatically incorrect.

We need a noun to fill the blank; 'fortified' it is an adjective. 'Collapse' supports the context of the second blank, but 'fortified' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Fortified' - made stronger or more secure

'Collapse' – to fall down

Option (B) - 'Bash' is contextually incorrect, it is opposite to the context of the sentence. 'Sag' supports the context of the second blank, but 'bash' is incorrect part first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Bash' - Strike violently; hit

'Sag' - a decline, especially a temporary one

Option (D) - 'commend' is both contextually and grammatically incorrect. We need a noun to fill the blank, 'commend' is a verb. 'Subside' is contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence is not about to come or relent something/someone. So, this option is eliminated

'Commend' - praise formally or officially

'Subside' - become less intense or severe

Option (C) - 'bulwark' supports the context of the first blank, which says togetherness is a defensive wall. 'Collapse' also supports the context of the second blank. So, this is the correct option

'Bulkwark' - a defensive wall

2. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that, for children to learn the principles of equality and pluralistic unity, school education should be raised or saved first

Option (A) - 'exude' is contextually in correct. It is opposite to the context of the sentence. 'Raised' supports the context of the second blank, but 'exude' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Exude' - to send out; discharge

Option (C) - 'absolve' is contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence is not to absolve the principles of equality and pluralistic unity.

'Allayed' is opposite to the context of the second blank, the context of the second blank is not to decrease the level of school education. So, this option is eliminated

'Absolve' – declare free from guilt

'Allayed' – reduce in intensity or severity

Option (D) - 'learn' supports the context of the first blank, 'slaved' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the blank doesn't talk about any kind of control. So, this option is eliminated

'Slaved' – subject to control by other

Option (B) - 'absorb' and 'salvaged' both the options support the contact of its respective blanks

'Absorb' - take in and understand fully

'Salvaged' - to save something valuable

3. Answer: A

In first half of the sentence it talks in favour of the US, 'but' shows contrast, so, we can say that the reputation of the US is damaged by either validating or invalidating the rights to abortion.

Option (B) - 'cancellation' is grammatically incorrect, we need a verb to fill the blank, and ‘cancellation’ is a noun. 'Disguise' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the second blank is not talking to undercover the reputation of the US.

'Disguise' - give a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity

Option (C) - 'overturning' supports the context of the sentence. But 'roll up' is contextually incorrect, 'but' shows contrast, so, the blank will be filled by a negative meaning word. So, this option is eliminated

'Overturning' - to reserve or cancel something

'Roll up' - to increase or acquire by successive accumulations

Option (D) - 'enactment' supports the context of the sentence. But 'conceal' doesn't make any sense here, the context is not about to hide the reputation. So this option is eliminated

'Enactment' - the act of putting something into action

'Conceal' - not allow to be seen; hide

Option (A) - 'overturning' and 'belies' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Belies' - fail to fulfill; false impression

4. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that Taiwan stands at the most critical point, where the relations between the world's eminent powers and the rising challengers are weakening

Option (A) - 'dilemma' is contextually incorrect. Taiwan is not at any dilemma. 'Apparent' supports the context of the second blank. But 'dilemma' is incorrect for the first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Dilemma' - a difficult situation or problem

'Apparent' - open to view; visible

Option (C) - 'convergence' is contextually incorrect. It is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence talks about a negative situation. 'Outward' supports the context of the blank, but 'convergence' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Convergence' - the process of moving together; meeting

'Outward' – of to relating to the body or to appearance

Option (D) - 'dilemma' is contextually incorrect. It doesn't support the context of the sentence. 'Ostensible' supports the context of the second blank, but 'dilemma' is incorrect for the first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Ostensible' - stated or appearing to be true

Option (B) - 'flashpoint' and 'ostensible' both support the context of its respective lines. So, this is the correct option

'Flash point' - an event or time at which violence or hostility fares up

5. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that engineering graduate from reputed School failed to interact in English.

Option (A) - 'renowned' supports the context of the sentence. But 'forcefully' is opposite to the context of the sentence. So, this option is eliminated

'Renowned' - widely acclaimed and highly honoured

Option (B) - 'seedy' is opposite to the context of this sentence, according to the context, schools are reputed or well known not 'seedy'.

'Successfully' supports the context of the sentence. But 'seedy' is incorrect for the first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Seedy' - in bad condition; unattractive

Option (C) - 'unsung' is opposite to the context of the sentence. 'Usefully' is also contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence says that engineering graduates were not able to talk in English effectively. So, this option is eliminated

'Unsung' - not celebrated or praised

Option (D) - 'Esteemed' and 'effectively' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Esteemed' - held in great respect; admired

'Effectively' - in such a manner to achieve a desired result

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 175

Directions: In each of the following questions, a sentence with a blank is given. From the five choices given below, select the word which can go into the blank to make the sentence logically coherent.

1) During the dig, the archeological team found some _____ from the Stone Age.

A) Relics

B) Reluctances

C) Debris

D) Amounts

E) None of the above.

2) They are working on a computer-generated speech that ______ the human voice.

a) Replicates

b) Duplicates

c) Resembles

A) Only a and b

B) Only a

C) Only a and c

D) Only b and c

E) Only b

3) India's inflation based on the consumer price index quickened to 6.01% in January, ________ the central bank's upper tolerance limit of 6%.

A) Supporting

B) Federalism

C) Appellate

D) Breaching

E) None of the above.

4) However, RBI continuously lessens the risks. There is no relief in price ______.

A) Stability

B) Arrived

C) Shrinking

D) Swallowed

E) None of the above.

5) The report said the safety aspects of the dam were under the watch of the Empowered Committee ________ by the Supreme Court in 2010.

A) Controlled

B) Constituted

C) Recaptured

D) Compelled

E) None of the above.

Solutions

1) Answer: A

We need a noun for the given blank.

The given sentence says that the team found some objects of the stone age during the dig.

Relics: an object, tradition, etc. from the past that still survives today.

Debris: pieces from something that has been destroyed, especially in an accident.

Reluctance: not wanting to do something because you are not sure it is the right thing to do.

Amounts: total or sum of money

Options B and D don't make any sense here.

Both options A and C seem perfect choices for this blank, but option A will be the most appropriate option for it.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The given sentence says that some people worked on computer-generated speech that copies human voices.

"Choice a" is perfect for this blank.

Duplicates also fits in this blank both contextually and grammatically. But there is a slight difference between them:

A duplicate is an exact copy of something. A replicate is only a reproduction, even if it is not exact.

Resembles, is totally out of context which means to be or look like somebody/something else.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: D

The given sentence says that inflation is at an all-time high and even in January it crossed the upper limit.

For crossing the upper limit, the most suitable word out of the given choices is "breaching".

Appellate: concerned with or dealing with applications for decisions to be reversed.

Federalism: a system of government in which the same territory is controlled by two levels of government.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: A

The given sentence says that RBI continuously lessens the risks but there’s no stability in price.

Stability: the state or quality of being steady and not changing

Swallowed: to make food, drink, etc. go down your throat to your stomach

Shrinking: to become smaller or make something smaller.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5) Answer: B

The given sentence says that the safety aspects of the dam covered by a committee which is formulated by SC were under scrutiny.

Constituted: set up

Only option B fits grammatically and contextually in the given blank.

Recaptured: to win back something that was taken from you by an enemy or a competitor

Compelled: to force somebody to do something

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 176

Di rections: In the questions given here, a sentence is given with two blanks. Choose the correct pain of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence, i f none is correct, choose option (e).

1) The movie's refreshing ________of anxiety is a big step, given that mental health ______an important place in conversations with children and teens.

A. Depiction, occupies
B. Tenable, Saturate
C. Torpid, Trice
D. Rue, Relish
E. None of the above

2) Today, there is a ______of shows available for children in India and a big-business _______among television channels and OTTs to grab those eyeballs.

A. Pretext, Panache
B. Bevy, Battle
C. Quaff, Reminiscence
D. Rote, Ken
E. None of the above

3) The space agency is _______the December 2024 window for i ts launch with orbital maneuvers planned for the following year when earth and Venus would be so aligned that the spacecraft could be put in the neighbouring planet's orbit using a minimum amount of______.

A. Mete, Maltreat
B. Leeway, Junket
C. Eyeing, Propellant
D. Milieu, Hunch
E. None of the above

4) Today tech is very important, and we do intend to sell ______as well, but a luxury buying _______is still best experienced in an old-school retail setting.

A. Gory, Inculcate
B. Round up, Usurer

C. Soliloquy, Henpecked
D. Virtually, Experience
E. None of the above

5) The journal was________ during the pandemic, although Kumar, who has written several books of fiction and non-fiction, _______any form of chronology here.

A. Penned, Eschews
B. Pacifist, Bale
C. Inherent, Fain
D. Peal, Speleology
E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Depiction: portrayal
Occupies: settle, live in

As we can infer from the line that the movie is showing something refreshing, so the word ‘depiction’ fits here perfectly and from the second line we can infer that the movie illustrates something about mental health, which acquires a big part in conversation. So the word ‘occupies’ is correct choice for the second blank.

Tenable: defensible by argument
Saturate: filled completely with scope of addition
Torpid: lethargic
Trice: instant
Rue: regret
Relish: great enjoyment

2) Answer: B

Bevy: crowd, herd, band
Battle: fight, conflict

Today there are so many shows in TV & word ‘bevy’ is correct choice to express it. For the second blank we can infer from the line that a tussle is going on among TV channels to grab people’s attention, so the word ‘battle’ is used here.

Pretext: false reason
Panache: confidant manner

Quaff: enjoy drinking
Reminiscence: recollection
Rote: repetition
Ken: range of knowledge

3) Answer: C

eyeing: observing, to study
Propellant: rocket fuel, something that propels December 2024 is in observation of the space agency to launch its spacecraft, so the word 'eyeing' fits here perfectly. Also from the line we can infer that the spacecraft will be launched in such a moment when the plants will align, so that minimum amount fuel is needed to get into orbit. So the word 'propellant' is correct choice.

Mete: distribute
Maltreat: ill-treat
Leeway: freedom to act and change
Junket: celebration
Milieu: social surroundings
Hunch: intuition

4) Answer: D

Virtually: Practically
Experience: Practical contact with and observation of facts or events
We use social media and other platforms to sell various items today, i.e. we buy 'virtually' only by looking the product and not by experiencing it. But while buying luxury items practical contact is necessary. Thus the word 'experience' fits perfectly.

Gory: violent
Inculcate: instil, teach
Round up: arrest
Usurer: one who lends money at a very high rate
Soliloquy: A speech made when one is alone
Henpecked: a husband ruled by his wife

5) Answers: A

Penned: to write or compose
Eschews: abstain from, avoid using

The author wrote the journal during the pandemic, the word ‘penned’ is perfect for the first blank, as it means to write or compose. The author had written various books and he did not follow any particular idea. So the word ‘eschews’ means to avoid using any particular order.

Pacifist: one loves peace
Bale: bundle of cloth
Inherent: inherent quality
Fain: gladly
Peal: a loud sound
Speleology: study of caves

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 177

Di rections: The following questions given below has a table with two columns in which the first column has sentences with blanks and the second column has words that can be used to complete the sentences. You must choose the option that carries the best combination of the sentences and the words as your answer.

1)

Column I	**Column II**
A. These centres will take the total number of test centre cities for the CFA exam to 16 ________ India and over 400 worldwide.	I. Exclusively
B. ACN is a renowned Nursing College _________ established for the daughters of Serving and Retired Army Persons.	II. Across
C. The education department __________ a meeting of over 2,600 school superintendents and district education officers from across the state.	III. Convened

A. A-III

B. B-I, C-III

C. A-II

D. C-I

E. Both (b) and (c)

2)

Column I	**Column II**
A. The _______ sought the constitution of a fact-finding committee and the submission of a report by the ASI.	I. Violence
B. The president also said that action will be taken against those who carried out the _________ that left nine dead and about 300 injured.	II. Because
C. Breakfast is an important meal ________ you are literally breaking your fast and to get started with the day, your body needs the right fuel.	III. Plea

A. A-III, C-II, B-I

B. B-II, C-III
C. A-I, B-II, C-III
D. C-I, A-III
E. None matches

3)

Column I	Column II
A. Those who practice yoga on a daily basis, must know of its ___________ health benefits.	I. Routine
B. Make exercise, healthy diet, nutrition, seven-eight hours of sleep and a favourable ________, a nonnegotiable for you.	II. Numerous
C. Inhale and on exhale, pull the hands apart without letting go of the __________.	III. Grip

A. A-II
B. B-I
C. C-III
D. All of the above
E. None matches

4)

Column I	Column II
A. It not only helps one lose weight, but also _________ muscles and improves posture.	I. Most
B. To get the ________ from this dance form, do it at least thrice a week.	II. Hydrated
C. An important part of summer travel is responsible eating and staying _________.	III. Tones

A. C-I, B-III
B. A-III, B-I, C-II
C. B-II, C-I
D. A-III, B-II, C-I
E. None matches

5)

Column I	Column II
A. The hot weather is __________, but not when you have someone to go to the beach, a music concert, or a film festival with.	I. Conscious
B. A large chunk of India's population is increasingly becoming fitness __________ and rapidly making lifestyle changes.	II. Annoying
C. Your fitness regime goes a long way in determining the timeline for _________ your pre-set targets.	III. Achieving

A. A-II, B-I
B. C-II, B-III
C. C-III
D. A-I, B-III, C-II
E. Both (a) and (c)

Solutions

1) Answer: E

The word 'across' fits the first sentence as it talks about the test cities to be spread all over the country. So, A matches with II. 'Exclusively' means to the exclusion of others; only. This can fit well in the second sentence as it talks about a specific college that has been specially opened only for the daughters of the army families. This makes B-I a good pair. The education department was called for a meeting by the Punjab CM so, the word that fits the third sentence should be 'convened' Therefore, all the correct pairs A-II, B-I and C-III can be found in option (e).

2) Answer: A

The easiest hint that we have is in the third sentence which will fit the word ' because' as it provides the reason as to why the breakfast is considered as an important meal. B talks about action being taken against people so, obviously the people who carried out ' violence' will have led to the death of so many people. This makes B-I a great pair. III fits A as an official request to the ASI is being mentioned. So, the correct answer would hence be an option that carries all these combinations ie; (a).

3) Answer: D

'… numerous health benefits …'
'… a favourable routine …'
'… letting go of the grip …'

The above statements are correct usages and these can easily tell us the respective words that should fit the given sentences. Therefore, option (d) is the correct answer.

4) Answer: B

The correct sentences after filling the blanks should look like:

It not only helps one lose weight, but also tones muscles and improves posture.

To get the most from this dance form, do it at least thrice a week.

An important part of summer travel is responsible eating and staying hydrated.

The correct answer therefore, is option (b).

5) Answer: E

Being 'fitness-conscious' is being aware of the importance of being fit. So, this combination makes sense.

We 'achieve-targets' so this is a hint that the third sentence should take III as the correct word.

'A hot weather is-annoying' because it doesn't feel good to bear the heat. So, this combination also makes sense.

Therefore, the best answer would be option (e).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 178

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks. You have to choose the correct pair of words that fill the blanks correctly in terms of grammar and context.

1) Lack of _________ in the timely repayment of your outstanding card bill can be perhaps the biggest ________ while using a card.

a) Discipline
b) Knowledge
c) Rules
d) Mistake
e) Folly
f) Benefit
A) Both be and cf
B) Both ae and bd
C) Only ae
D) Only bd
E) Only cf

2) Work hard but also work ________. You will learn more ________ i f you are relaxed and rested.

a) Relax
b) Smart
c) Gain
d) Efficiently
e) Effective
f) Abundant
A) Both ae and bf
B) Only ce
C) Both be and af
D) Only bd
E) Only cf

3) It' s that time of the year when MBA aspirants start _______ their preparation journey in the hopes of _______ the CAT.
a) Accessing
b) Improving
c) Charting
d) Clearing
e) Cracking
f) Gaining
A) Both bd and ce
B) Both af and cd
C) Only ce
D) Only ae
E) Both ad and cf

4) When Chris _______ forty, he decided to live his l ife _____________ and quit his job for his hobbies.
a) Became; Go the extra mile
b) Turned; in the fast lane
c) Turned; Step up your game
A) Only a and b
B) Only b
C) Only c
D) Only b and c
E) All a, b, and c

5) I _______________ against him for not taking me into ________.
a) Draw the line; effecT
b) Break a leg; friendship
c) Bear a grudge; confidence.
A) Only a
B) Only a and b
C) Only c
D) Only b and c
E) All a, b, and c

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The given sentence says that the lack of knowledge about or discipline in the timely repayment of your credit card bill can be the biggest mistake.

For the first blank: Both words knowledge and discipline fit contextually but knowledge doesn't fit grammatically here. As noun knowledge doesn't take the preposition 'in'. Word "rules" doesn't make any sense here.

For the second blank: Both words "folly" and "mistake" will be fit correctly.

Thus, in the first blank only choice 'a' is correct, and in the second blank choices d and e will be correct. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

2) Answer: D

The given sentence says that work hard with smartness. When you are relaxed, you learn efficiently.

For the first blank: only the word "smart" fits both grammatically and contextually. Gain and relax don't make any sense here. For the second blank: we need an adverb here and there is only one adverb which is "efficiently".

Effective: contextually incorrect.

Abundant: Both grammatically and contextually incorrect, which means "existing in very large quantities; more than enough".

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

3) Answer: A

The given sentence says that this is the time when MBA aspirants give a boost to their preparation with hopes of cracking the examination.

For the first blank: "Improving" and "charting" both will be contextually and grammatically correct.

Accessing is contextually incorrect for this blank. For the second blank: Clearing and cracking both will be fit.

But gaining is the contextually incorrect word here.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

4) Answer: B

The given sentence says that Chris turned forty, and he decided to live his life with excitement, and fun and quit his job to pursue his hobbies. The only idiom "in the fast lane" fits in the second blank, which means "A life filled with excitement".
Only "turned" fits in the first blank. Step up your game: To start performing better.
Go the extra mile: To make an extra effort. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

5) Answer: C

The given sentence says that someone is angry with somebody and doesn't want to start a friendly relationship with him/her again because of not taking him/her into confidence. The only idiom "Bear a grudge" fits in the first blank, which means "To continue to feel angry or unfriendly for someone or something because of a particular past incident".
For the second blank, "confidence" is the most appropriate word.
Draw the l ine: To stop before a point where something okay gets not okay.
Break a leg: Saying good luck to someone.
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 179

Directions: In the following questions a sentence is given with a blank, which is followed by five options. You need to fill the blank with the correct phrasal verb. If none of the options is correct, mark (E) as your answer

1. The United States illegally annexed hundreds of islands to _______ the good stuff.

A. Get off

B. Get along

C. Get at

D. Get across

E. None of these

2. Should they ________ to implement their present plans, the consequences will be fatal.

A. Fall off

B. Fall out

C. Fall on

D. Fall through

E. None of these

3. As the ocean warms and becomes more acidic, the coral reefs _______

A. Die off

B. Die away

C. Die down

D. Die for

E. None of these

4. It was decided to _______ the search when there was no hope of finding the missing child alive.

A. Call out

B. Call off

C. Call on

D. Call for

E. None of these

5. The government has promised to _______ new legislation to combat this problem.

A. Bring forth
B. Bring out
C. Bring in
D. Bring down
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The context says that, the US took over hundreds of islands to get the access to all the good stuff.
'Get off' – means escape a punishment, which doesn't support the context
'Get along' – means have a harmonious or friendly relationship, this also doesn't support the context.
'Get across' – means manage to communicate but the sentence doesn't talk about any kind of communication. So, this option is incorrect
'Get at' – reach or gain access to something, this option is correct. It supports the context.

2. Answer: D

The context says that the, the consequences will be fatal, it they fail to implement their present plans.
'Fall off' – means 'to become less in number', which doesn't support the context
'Fall out' – means 'to quarrel', the context of the sentence is not about any quarrel or argument.
So, this option is incorrect
'Fall on' – attack on someone unexpectedly, which doesn't support the context of the sentence,
'Fall through' – come to nothing; fail, this option is correct as it supports the context.

3. Answer: A

The context talks about the destruction of coral reefs because the ocean is getting warmer and acidic
'Die away' – means 'to gradually disappear or become less strong. This doesn't support the context of the sentence.

'Die down' – means 'to gradually become less strong'. This also doesn't support the context of the sentence

'Die for' – means 'be very eager for something', this is not the context of the sentence, so, this option is also incorrect

'Die off' – means 'a sudden sharp decline of the population of animals or plants. This option supports the context of the sentence. So, it is the correct option.

4. Answer: B

The context talks about cancelling or withdrawing the search because there is no hope left.

'Call out' – means 'to summon someone', this doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

'Call on' – means 'to formally invite or ask someone to speak', this option also doesn't fit the context of the sentence

'Call for' – means 'to say publicly that something should happen', this option doesn't support the context of the sentence

'Call off' – means 'cancel an event or agreement', this option supports the context of the sentence. So, this is the correct option.

5. Answer: C

The context talks about introducing a new law through which the problem can be tackled

'Bring forth' – means 'produce or give rise to something', this option doesn't support the context of the sentence.

'Bring out' – means 'produce or launch a new product or publication', the context of the sentence is not about launching any product.

So, this option is also incorrect.

'Bring down' – means 'to reduce the rate, level, or amount of something', this doesn't support the context of the sentence.

'Bring in' – means 'introduce a new law or product', it supports the context of the sentence as the sentence talks about the introduction of the new law. So, this option is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 180

Directions: In the following questions, a word is given in bold, which is followed by three sentences with a blank in it. You need to identify the sentence, in which the highlighted word may fill the blank correctly and mark the same as your answer.

1. Plunging

a) Her evening gown had a _______ neckline

b) The candle blew out, _______ the room into a shadowy darkness.

c) Overproduction of memory chips led to _______ prices.

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Both (a) and (b)

D. Both (b) and (c)

E. All (a), (b) and (c)

2. Fragile

a) If you don't like the orchid, it's okay, my ego isn't that ________.

b) These _______ ecosystems are highly sensitive to changes in temperature.

c) The thin pipes didn't look ______ enough to hold high pressure of water.

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Only (c)

D. Both (a) and (b)

E. Both (b) and (c)

3. Coercion

a) Each mutual _______ is associated with a pair of equal forces in the opposite directions.

b) It encompasses verbal harassment, physical assault, and other forms of ________ and manipulation.

c) A certain amount of ________ or bribery may be needed to practice this.

A. Only (b)

B. Only (c)

C. Both (a) and (b)

D. Both (b) and (c)
E. All (a), (b) and (c)

4. Doldrums

a) That means the average person spends 16 days a year or eight hours a week in the domestic ________.

b) _________ lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.

c) It has the potential to boost prosperity and lift Europe out of the economic _________.

A. Only (a)
B. Only (c)
C. Both (a) and (b)
D. Both (a) and (c)
E. All (a), (b) and (c)

5. Deprive

a) Just because you are on a diet doesn't mean you have to _______ yourself.

b) Think of love and compatibility quizzes as ways to _______ your love life.

c) There was helpful information for us to _______ observation techniques.

A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (a) and (c) whatever

Solutions

1. Answer: E

Plunging (when used as an adjective) – falling steeply; rapidly decreasing
(When used as a noun) - denoting a very lowcut neckline on a woman's garment
(When used as a verb) - Suddenly bring into a specific condition

Option (a) - Here 'Plunging' has been used as a noun, 'denoting a low-cut neckline of women's evening gown

Option (b) - Here 'plunging' is used as a verb 'when the candle blew out, it suddenly got dark in the room'

Option (c) - Here 'plunging' has been used as an adjective ‘overproduction of memory chips has led to a decrease in its prices’

2. Answer: D

Fragile means – prone to being easily destroyed or threatened

Option (a) - the context says, his ego cannot be destroyed easily. 'Fragile' may fill the blank

Option (b) - the context says, the weak ecosystems are highly sensitive to climate change. 'Fragile' supports the context.

According to the context 'ecosystem' is weak.

Option (c) - 'Fragile' doesn't support the context here. If pipes didn't look fragile', then they could hold high pressure of water. But according to the context, pipes cannot hold the high pressure of water. So, pipes are not 'strong enough’.

'Fragile' doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

3. Answer: D

Coercion means - the practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats

Option (a) - 'Coercion' doesn't support the context. ‘Mutual coercion’ doesn’t make any sense. It can be ‘mutual consent' or 'mutual agreement'.

Option (b) - The context talks about the harassment, physical threats and other forms of forces, threats or manipulations. ‘Coercion' supports the context of the sentence.

Option (c) - 'briery' is presided by 'or' which gives up hint that the choice is between two negative things. 'Coercion' may fit the context of the sentence.

4. Answer: D

Doldrums means – a state of inactivity or stagnation

Option (a) - The context talks about the time period in which a person spends his time, and that time period can be good or bad. As no clue is mentioned in the statement, that the time it is talking about is good. So, we can say that 'Doldrums' may fill the blank. It means the person spent the given time period in domestic 'doldrums'

Option (b) - we get the hint from ‘it lies in the joy of achievement', 'it' points to the word to be filled in the blank. So, we can say that 'Doldrums' cannot lie in the joy of achievement.

The blank will be filled with a positive word.
'Doldrums' is incorrect here.
Option (c) - the context talks about the possibility of taking Europe out of some difficult situation. So, we can say that 'Doldrums' fits the context of the sentence

5. Answer: A

'Deprive' means - prevent (a person or place) from having or using something
Option (a) - the context says that one should not starve even if one is on a diet. So, we can say that 'Deprive' supports the context.
Option (b) - 'Love and compatibility quizzes' will not 'deprive' love life, in fact, it will 'improve or enrich' one's love life. So, 'deprive' doesn’t support the context of the sentence.
Option (c) - the context talks about the information, which will help to improve the observation techniques. 'Deprive' doesn't support the context of the sentence here.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 181

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks. Identify the correct combination of words that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1) On February 25, Japan joined several Western countries in announcing ……….. against Russia for its ………. in Ukraine and has taken a tough line with Moscow.

a) Restrictions
b) Conflict
c) Rules
d) Sanctions
e) War
f) Invasion
A) Both ae and db
B) Only cf
C) Both ad and cf
D) Both ae and cd
E) All ae, bd, and cf

2) The nominal interest of an ………… . Or loan is simply the stated rate on which interest payments are …………..

a) Underwrite
b) Outlay
c) Investment
d) reckoned
e) Evaluated
f) Calculated
A) Both ce and bf
B) Only cf
C) All ad, cf, and be
D) Both cd and be
E) None of the above.

3) The security of its nuclear command and technical ………… has never been in …………

a) Abilities, suspecting
b) Capabilities, doubt
c) Accomplishments, qualm
A) Both a and b
B) Both b and c
C) Both a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

4) India must leave no ………. for any doubts about its capacity to handle nuclear and other military …………….

a) Scope, assets
b) Room, resources
c) Option, liabilities
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

5) By ……….. carbon dioxide the oceans actually help …………… climate change.

a) Absorbing, stave off
b) Soaking up, avert
c) Sponging up, ward off
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

Solutions

1. Answer: A

In the first blank, only a and d can fit contextually. "Rules" is contextually incorrect here.

In the second blank, both b and e fit contextually and grammatically.

"Invasion": attack, which is contextually misfit.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

In the first blank we need a word starting with a vowel. Thus, a, b, and c all are grammatically correct.

But "Investment" and "outlay" are contextually correct choices.

Outlay: money that is spent, especially to start a business or project

Underwrite: to accept responsibility for an insurance policy by agreeing to pay if there is any damage or loss

For the second blank:

Reckoned: to calculate something approximately

Evaluated: to study the facts and then form an opinion about something

Both are contextually incorrect here.

That's why option B is the correct choice.

3) Answer: B

For the second blank: we need a noun.

Qualm: doubt

"Suspecting" is incorrect here.

Suspecting: to not be sure that you can trust somebody or believe something

For the first blank, all three may be correct but there is a little difference between "ability" and "capability".

Ability is the skill or power to do something.

Capability is the ability to do something.

Hence, option B is the correct choice.

4) Answer: A

For the first blank, a and b fit grammatically and contextually.

But, for the second blank "liabilities"is contextually incorrect.

Assets are the items your company owns that can provide future economic benefits.
Liabilities are what you owe to other parties.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5) Answer: D

All the given words are synonyms of each other.
Stave off: avert; ward off (prevent someone or something from harming or affecting one.)
Soaking up, sponging up: absorbing something.
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 182

Direction: Two sentences I and sentences II are given with a blank in it. Choose a word from the given options that would fill both the blanks in the given sentences.

1.

(I) Increasing _____________ of groundwater is lowering groundwater levels in most regions besides creating soil salinity.

(II) The whole world has been mapped out into oil areas and spheres of influence, and no corner of the earth can escape their exploration and ____________.

A. demand
B. elevation
C.exploitation
D. appraisal
E. depreciation

2.

(I) The Jal Shakti Ministry focuses on the revival and conservation of wetlands in the river basins and __________ the alarming levels of river pollution.

(II) Technology is a contributory factor in __________ many problems.

A. tackling
B. alienating
C. measuring
D. rectify
E. threatening

3.

(I) Indian farming conditions are characteristically ______ by droughts and floods

(II) The book is overly long, and is _________ by a considerable amount of repetition of the theoretical argument.

A. nourished
B. deployed
C.marred

D. devoid

E. fragile

4.

(I) According to investment data, increasing demand for online purchases during a series of lockdowns led to global investors showing a strong _____for backing e-commerce companies.

(II) If the child has lost his ________, it is considered unhealthy and so they are told to go outdoors to get it back.

A.appetite

B. will

C. gratitude

D. enthusiasm

E. spirit

5.

(I) Human-induced climate change, including more frequent and intense extreme events, has caused widespread _________impacts and damage to nature and people.

(II) Some people have _________ reactions to additives and preservatives used in many foods.

A. innovative

B. adverse

C. feasible

D. ideological

E. thriving

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Exploitation means “the action of making use of and benefiting from resources.”

In sentence I, exploitation is used to refer to the usage of groundwater.

In sentence II, exploitation is used to refer to the usage of oil areas.

Demand means “require; need”

Elevation means “the action or fact of raising or being raised to a higher or more important level, state, or position.”

Appraisal means “an act of assessing something or someone.”

Depreciation means “the reduction or underestimation of the worth or importance of something.”

Except option C other options are contextually incorrect.

2. Answer: A

Tackling means “make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task)”.

In sentence I, ‘tackling’ is used to refer to the efforts to deal with the alarming levels of river pollution.

Sentence II says, technology is used to deal with many problems.

Alienating means “cause (someone) to feel isolated or estranged”.

Measuring means “estimate or assess the extent, quality, value, or effect of (something).”

Rectify means “put right”. Rectify cannot be the answer, as a verb of continuous tense is required.

Threatening means “having a hostile or deliberately frightening quality or manner”.

Alienating, measuring and threatening are contextually incorrect.

3. Answer: C

Marred means “to ruin or diminish the perfection or wholeness of; spoil”

Sentence I says Indian farming conditions are spoiled.

Sentence II says that the theoretical argument spoiled the book.

Nourished means “provide with the food or other substances necessary for growth, health, and good condition.”

Deployed means “move (troops or equipment) into position for military action.”

Devoid means “entirely lacking or free from.”

Fragile means “(of an object) easily broken or damaged.”

4. Answer: A

Appetite means “a natural desire to satisfy a bodily need, especially for food.”

Appetite means “a strong desire or liking for something.”

In sentence I, appetite refers to the strong desire.

In sentence II, appetite refers to the natural desire for food.

Will means “intend, desire, or wish (something) to happen.”

Gratitude means “the quality of being thankful.”

Enthusiasm means “intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.”
Spirit means “convey rapidly and secretly.”

5. Answer: B

Adverse means “preventing success or development; harmful; unfavorable.”
In sentence I, adverse is used to refer to the harmful impacts.
In sentence II, adverse is used torefer to the unfavorable reactions.
Innovative means “(of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original.”
Feasible means “possible to do easily or conveniently”
Ideological means “based on or relating to a system of ideas and ideals, especially concerning economic or political theory and policy”.
Thriving means “(of a child, animal, or plant) to grow or develop well or vigorously”.
Except option B, others are contextually incorrect.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 183

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks; these blanks are followed by two highlighted words. You have to choose from the given options the right pair of words and mark it as your answer.

1. The spirit that Tagore __________ (sought (A), pursue (B)) to capture and __________ (encase (A), encapsulate (B)) in the motto for his university was, yatra visvam bhavatyekanidam, means "Think globally, act locally".

A. AA

B. AB

C. BB

D. BA

E. None of these

2. India's efforts to acquire a key stake in the region through infrastructure projects would lead to ________ (restraint (A), unleashing (B)) of the ________ (fictitious (A), untapped (B)) potential of the partnership.

A. AA

B. AB

C. BB

D. BA

E. None of these

3. The poor are ________ (starving (A), satiate (B)) as they cannot afford to buy food at __________ (exorbitant (A), competitive (B)) prices.

A. AA

B. AB

C. BB

D. BA

E. None of these

4. The pandemic ________ (driven (A), drove (B)) home the consequences of uneven progress on the SDGs and exposed __________ (glaring (A), blazing (B)) gaps in social protection and health-care systems.

A. AA

B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

5. The importance of helping those under-trial prisoners who came from the most __________ (fortified (A), vulnerable (B)) sections of the population and were left to ____________ (taint (A), rot (B)) in prisons without access to the route to justice.

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Blank 1 - the context of this sentence talks about the spirit that Tagore wanted to pursue for his University
Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect. The sentence is in past tense, so, the verb will be used according to the tense. 'Pursued' is the correct word. So, option (B) is eliminated
'Sought' – attempt to find (something)
'Pursue' – follow or chase (something or someone)
Blank 2 - the context of this sentence talks about capturing and expressing the Motto for the university.
Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) is contextually incorrect. The context of the sentence is not talking about enclosing or covering the Motto. So, option (A) is eliminated
'Encase' - to cover or surround something or someone complete you
'Encapsulate' - to express or show the most important facts about something

2. Answer: C

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talks about the setting up of potential partnership through infrastructure projects. Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'restraint' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about restricting the potential partnership. So, option (A) is eliminated

'Restraint' - the act of stopping or holding back

'Unleashing' - to let happen or begin something powerful

Blank 2 - the contacts of the sentence talks about the possibility of partnership

When we look at the options, option (A) 'fictitious' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about imaginary potential. So, option (A) is eliminated 'Fictitious' - not real or true; imaginary

'Untapped' - not yet used or taken advantage of

3. Answer: A

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence says that the poor are suffering because they cannot afford to buy food.

Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) 'satiate' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The poor are not satisfied with the unaffordable prices of the food. So, option (B) is eliminated.

'Starving' - suffering or dying from hunger

'Satiate' - satisfied to the full

Black 2 - the context of the sentence says that people cannot afford food because of its higher prices

Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) 'competitive' is contextually incorrect. 'Competitive prices' provide the advantage to people to get the best price for similar products. But, according to the context the prices are unaffordable. So, option (B) is eliminated.

'Exorbitant' - unreasonably high

4. Answer: D

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence says that the pandemic pushed the uneven progress of SDGs

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'driven' is grammatically incorrect. The sentence is in 'simple past' tense, so, the verb will be used according to the tense. So, option (A) is eliminated.

Drive (V1) - drove (V2) - driven (V3)

'Drove' - propel or carry along by force

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that the uneven progress of SDGs exposed the obvious gaps in social protection and health care systems
Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) 'blazing' doesn't make any sense here. The gaps are not burning. So, option (B) is eliminated
'Glaring' - very obvious
'Blazing' - burning very brightly and intensely

5. Answer: C

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talks about the weaker section of the society, who left without any access to the route to justice. Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'fortified' is opposite to the context of the sentence. People do not get access to justice because they are helpless. So, option (A) is eliminated
'Fortified' - made stronger and more secure
'Vulnerable' - capable of being physically or emotionally wounded.
Blank 2 - the context of this sentence says that the weaker section of the society was left to perish in prison because of the inaccessibility to justice.
Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'taint' is contextually incorrect. The Prisoners do not get polluted in the prison, but they undergo a destructive process. So, option (A) is eliminated
'Taint' - contaminate or pollute (something)
'Rot' - a process of deterioration

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 184

Direction: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks. Identify the correct word that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1) As the G-23 ………. its next strategy with a show of strength, voices within the Congress grew louder on taking ………. action against some of the key members.

a) Chalks out, disciplinary

b) Premeditates, outrageous

c) Makes plans, corrective

A) Only A and B

B) Only B and C

C) Only A and C

D) All A, B, and C

E) None of the above.

2) The aim was to ……… that those at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19 get proper protection at the ………...

a) Sew up, check

b) Ensure, earliest

c) Clinch, first

A) Only A

B) Only B

C) Only C

D) All A, B, and C

E) None of the above.

3) The India Centre is ……….. a special India Week from March 14 to 18 to celebrate the growing ………. between the two countries.

a) Hosting, ties

b) Introducing, bonds

c) Incepting, connections

A) Only A and B

B) Only C and B

C) Only A and C
D) All A, B, and C
E) None of the above

4) UpGrad KnowledgeHut announced the ……… of its Design Thinking program, in ………… TinkerLabs.

a) Get across, accentuate with
b) Get the ball rolling, alliance with
c) Roll out, collaboration with

A) Only A and B
B) Only C and B
C) Only A and C
D) All A, B, and C
E) None of the above

5) It must also strongly ………. moves to ………. the flow of ingredients necessary to manufacture them.

a) Inimical, impede
b) Urge, hamper
c) Oppose, hinder

A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The first blank needs a verb and the second blank needs an adjective.
Only A and C fit both contextually and grammatically correct.
Chalk out: plan something
Disciplinary: of or relating to discipline disciplinary problems; corrective.
Outrageous: that makes you very angry or shocked.
Premeditates: to think, consider, or deliberate beforehand.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

Only option B fits contextually and grammatically in the given blanks.

"Earliest" and "first" both fit contextually and grammatically in the second blank but "clinch" doesn't fit in the first blank.

"Check" is contextually incorrect here.

Sew up: bring something to a favorable conclusion.

Clinch: to finally manage to get what you want in an argument or business agreement

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: D

All the given words are synonyms of each other.

Thus, all the words fit grammatically and contextually.

Incepting: an instance of the beginning:

commencement; hosting, introducing.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: B

Get across: manage to communicate an idea.

Roll out, get the ball rolling: make a start.

Accentuate: to emphasize something or make something easier to notice.

Option a: doesn’t fit contextually.

Collaboration/ alliance with: to work jointly with others or together.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

5) Answer: C

In the first blank, we need a verb. All the given words are verbs.

Inimical: oppose

Options a and c are the synonyms of each other.

Urge: to advise or try hard to persuade somebody to do something

"Urge" is contextually incorrect here.

For the second blank, all three options fit grammatically and contextually.

Impede: to make it difficult for

somebody/something to move or go forward;

hinder; hamper.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 185

Directions: In the Questions given below, there are two statements, each statement consists of a blank. You have to choose the option which provides the correct word that fits in the blanks in both the statements appropriately making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

1)

a) The use of protective clothing for farmers in Brazil presents a……….

b) This of course, puts you in something of a……….

A) Apathy

B) Conundrum

C) Eagerness

D) Reluctant

E) None of the above

2)

a) The neighboring country has many ………. attractions.

b) The ………. beauty of the Derwent Valley is hard to beat.

A) Forbearance

B) Maneuvering

C) Scenic

D) Oasis

E) None of the above

3) The city reported a total of two new ………. Covid cases over the weekend.

A) Confirmed

B) Affirmed

C) Variant

D) Lethargic

E) None of the above.

4) Nirmatrelvir is a new product and .... substantial manufacturing capabilities to produce.

A) Condemns

B) Impedes

C) Needed
D) Requires
E) None of the above

5) The Asian Cricket Council has ………….. extended the tenure of its incumbent President Jay Shah for one year.

A) Steaming
B) Unanimously
C) Sterling
D) Willingly
E) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Only option B gives correct meanings of both sentences.
Apathy: lack of feeling or emotion
Conundrum: a confusing and difficult problem or question.
Eagerness: enthusiasm to do or to have something; keenness.
Reluctant: not wanting to do something because you are not sure it is the right thing to do Hence, option B is the correct answer.

2) Answer: C

We need an adjective for both the given blanks.
Only option C is an adjective here.
Forbearance: the quality of being patient and sympathetic towards people, especially when they have done something wrong
Maneuvering: to move (something) to a different position using skill
Scenic: having beautiful scenery
Oasis: a place in the desert where there is water and where plants grow
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3) Answer: A

Only option A fits both grammatically and contextually.
Confirmed: to say or show that something is true or correct, especially by giving evidence

Affirmed: to say formally or clearly that something is true or that you support something strongly

Variant: a slightly different form or type of something

Lethargic: characterized by laziness or lack ofenergy

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

4) Answer: D

We need the first form of the verb.

As subject "Nirmatrelvir" is a singular subject.

The sentence is in the present tense so option C can be ruled out.

Condemns: to say strongly that you think somebody/something is very bad or wrong

Impedes: to make it difficult for somebody/something to move or go forward

Both the words don't make any sense here.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

5) Answer: B

We need an adverb for the given blank, as "extended" is a verb.

So, options A and C can be ruled out.

Willingly: in a consenting and often cheerful way.

Unanimously: formed with or indicating unanimity.

Option B fits grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 186

Directions:- A sentence is provided with two blanks in it. Choose the appropriate pair owords from the given option that could fill the blank both contextually and grammatically.

1. Sri Lanka's economic crisis is ______ rapidly, putting citizens through ________ hardship.

A. altering, vanished

B. exaggerated, manipulative

C. aggravating, enormous

D. diminishing, extraordinary

E. evacuating, hefty

2. Videos and other learning channels have taken _________ over other conventional mediums to provide a _________ experience to students and keep them engaged.

A. superiority, pragmatic

B. precedence, holistic

C. supersede, agonizing

D. leading, unbearable

E. imperative, extraordinary

3. Everyone has to ________ to the order othe courts and there is scope to _______ in higher court ione is not happy with the judgment.

A. admit, reveal

B. relay, plead

C. respect, revert

D. defy, proceed

E. adhere, appeal

4. Sri Lanka is _________ an ________ economic crisis for months now.

A. battling, unprecedented

B. Hoping, outrageous

C. Experiencing, voracious

D. Baiting, illusionary

E. Involving, unexpected

5. A prolonged __________ in Europe could _________ the global economy into recession.

A. dilemma, peril

B. dispute, demolish

C. conflict, tip

D. temptation, elevate

E. protests, reward

Solutions

1. Answer: C

2. Answer: B

3. Answer: E

4. Answer: A

5. Answer: C

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 187

Directions: In each of the given questions, a sentence is given with a blank. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the given blank to make the sentence correct and meaningful.

1. An elderly man from Hull has ___________ doctors by recovering after he was officially declared dead.

a) confounded
b) surprised
c) astonished
A. Both a and b
B. Both b and c
C. Both a and c
D. All a, b, and c
E. None of the above.

2. A metallurgist did an __________ on the metal and determined it contained nickel.

a) assay
b) attempt
c) evaluation
A. Both a and b
B. Both b and c
C. Both a and c
D. All a, b, and c
E. None of the above.

3. The _________ song put everyone in a happy frame of mind.

a) quarrel
b) jocund
c) cheerful
A. Both a and b
B. Both b and c
C. Both a and c
D. All a, b, and c

E. None of the above.

4. We were struck by the silent __________ of the desert.

a) beauty
b) labyrinth
c) grandeur
A. Both a and b
B. Both b and c
C. Both a and c
D. All a, b, and c
E. None of the above.

5. After the earthquake, many roads were ________ by collapsed buildings.

a) obstructed
b) eternal
c) vandalize
A. Only a
B. Only b
C. Only c
D. All a, b, and c
E. None of the above.

Solutions

1. Answer: D

We need a verb to modify the construction "has+V3".

The sentence is talking about the confusion which creates surprise between the man and the doctor.

Words' meanings:

Confounded: to confuse and surprise somebody; astonished.

All the given words both grammatically and contextually fit in the given blank.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2. Answer: C

We need a noun to link to the article "An". Both a and c are two nouns. The given sentence talks about analysis to determine the presence of

nickel in the metal.
"Attempt" doesn't fit contextually here.
Assay: the testing of a metal or ore to determine its ingredients and quality; evaluation. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. Answer: B

We need an adjective to modify the noun "movement". The sentence is talking about a cheerful song.
Jocund: in high spirits; cheery
Quarrel: an angry argument or disagreement (doesn't fit contextually).
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

4. Answer: C

We need a noun to modify the adjective "silent".
The given sentence says that the desert has a lot of beauty and glory.
Grandeur: a quality of great beauty and size which attracts admiration.
Labyrinth: a complicated set of paths and passages, through which it is difficult to find your way. (doesn't fit contextually).
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

5. Answer: A

We need a verb to modify the construction "were+V3".
The given sentence is talking about the consequences of the earthquake.
Words' meanings:
Obstructed: to stop something from happening or somebody/something from moving either by accident or deliberately
Eternal: lasting forever having no beginning and no end
Vandalize: to destroy or damage property on purpose.
Only "obstructed" can fit in the blank.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 188

Directions: In the following sentences, a sentence is given with a blank which is followed by a word given in bracket. Find the suitable word from the options given below that could replace the bold word so as to make the paragraph meaningful. If no replacement is required, choose (E), as your answer.

1. Two were __________ (let down) with warnings; the remaining six were given suspended sentences of one to two years.

A. Let out
B. Let in
C. Let off
D. Look after
E. No replacement required

2. Most farmers are able to ___________ (keep under) enough of their crop for their own use.

A. Keep up
B. Keep back
C. Keep down
D. Keep to
E. No replacement required

3. The President said that he would ________ (hold back) until the bill was passed.

A. Hold over
B. Hold off
C. Hold on
D. Hold out
E. No replacement required

4. Always have set amounts in mind to _________ (idle away) your budget.

A. Itch for
B. Keep to
C. Hunt down
D. Make for
E. No replacement required

5. Many unearthed cultural relics are ________ (set forth) in the exhibition hall.
A. Set in
B. Set about
C. Set aside
D. Set on
E. No replacement required

Solutions

1. Answer: C

'Let down' means – an act of disappointing someone, which is incorrect according to the context of the sentence. The context says that 'two were released and the remaining were sentenced for one to two years'

Option (A) – 'Let out' – to conclude a session or performance, which doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (B) – 'Let in' – to allow entering, this option is also incorrect.

Option (D) – "look after' – take care of someone or something, this option also doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (C) – 'Let off' – punish someone lightly, this supports the context of the sentence.

Hence, (C) is the right answer

2. Answer: B

'Keep under' means – to remain or cause to remain below, this doesn't support the context of the sentence, the context says that farmers reserve enough crop for their own use

Option (A) – 'Keep up' means – to maintain in good order or condition, this doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (C) – 'Keep down' means – cause someone to remain at a low level, this also doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (D) – 'Keep to' means – adhere to a schedule, this option is also contextually incorrect

Option (B) – 'Keep back' – retain or withhold something, this supports the context of the sentence

Hence, (B) is the right answer

3. Answer: A

'Hold back' means – hesitate to act or speak, which doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context talks about the postponement of the bill

Option (B) – 'Hold off' – to stop something from happen, which doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (C) – 'Hold on' – wait; stop, this can be the answer but we have more accurate option than this. So, this option cannot be the right option

Option (D) – Hold out' – resist or survive in difficult circumstances

Option (A) – 'Hold over' - - postpone something, this supports the context of the sentence

Hence, (A) is the right answer

4. Answer: B

'Idle away' means – to rest, relax or do nothing, which doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context talks about some set amounts of budget for which one always be planned or promised

Option (A) – Itch for' means – to have or produce an unpleasant feeling, which doesn't support the context of the sentence

Option (C) – 'Hunt down' means – to succeed in finding (something), this option also doesn't support the context of the sentence.

Option (D) – 'Make for' means – help to make something possible, this option is also contextually incorrect

Option (B) – 'Keep to' means – to prevent an amount or number from passing a limit

Hence, (B) is the right answer

5. Answer: E

'Set forth' means – to make something known, which supports the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the unearthed cultural relics that are displayed in the exhibition hall. So, no replacement required

'Set in' – to begin

'Set about' – to start to do or deal with something

'Set aside' – to decide not to consider something

'Set on' – to attack or cause to attack

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 189

Directions: In the questions given here, a sentence is given with two blanks. Choose the correct pair of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence, if none is correct, choose option (e).

1. On Tuesday, new satellite images _____indicating the construction of a Chinese village East of the Doklam plateau on the Bhutanese side, a region that is considered important for India's _____interest.

A. Emerged, strategic
B. Affable, deceitful
C. Bolster, dogmatic
D. Facetious, foreboding
E. None of the above

2) In a span of four days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned twice the practice of politicians making ______promises of ever profligate schemes in _____of votes, and termed it a dangerous trend.

A. Ostentatious, polemical
B. Mindless, pursuit
C. Precocious, voracious
D. Egalitarian, affluence
E. None of these

3) Perhaps one reason why politicians are _____voters with_____ is the disconnection between overall economic growth and job creation.

A. Harbinger, Penchant
B. Concession, Anomalous
C. Showering, doles
D. Edifying, Mercurial
E. None of these

4) The notion that growth is the_____ for all development challenges is viewed with increasing suspicion by voters, though they
may not _____it in those terms.

A. Charlatan, lucid

B. Convivial, evasiveness
C. Ludicrous, platitude
D. Panacea, articulate
E. None of these

5) In the case of Mr. Zubair, it was quite______ that he was being _______by the police acting on complaints manifestly motivated by communal considerations.
A. Palpable, hounded
B. Pallid, Zealot
C. Sanguine, Disperse
D. Homogenous, Jubilant
E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Emerged: come out, appear
Strategic: Tactical, planned, political
The line talks about the new satellite images, which came up (emerged) recently, showing a newly formed Chinese village, in those areas which are politically important (strategic) regions for India.
Affable - friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to
Deceitful - deceiving or misleading others
Bolster - support or strengthen; prop up
Dogmatic - inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true
Facetious - treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour
Foreboding - fearful apprehension; a feeling that something bad will happen

2) Answer: B

Mindless: stupid, idiotic
Pursuit: chasing, stalking
Prime Minister Narendra Modi questioned the way of politicians of making stupid promises (mindless)about wasteful or extravagant schemes, just for chasing votes (pursuit) orgetting more votes, and he called this method to be very dangerous.
Ostentatious - characterized by vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress
Polemical - strongly critical or controversial writing or speech

Precocious - having developed certain abilities at an earlier age than usual

Voracious - having a very eager approach to an activity; consuming large quantities

Egalitarian - believing in the principle that all people are equal and deserve an equal right

Affluence - the state of having a great deal of money; wealth

3) Answer: C

Showering: rain, drizzle

Doles: unemployment benefit, allowance

The gap created between overall economic growth and job creation may be due to the reason that politicians provide voters rain of allowances or other benefits, which prevents them to do something on their own.

Harbinger - anything that foreshadows a future event; omen; sign

Penchant - a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something

Concession - a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands

Anomalous - deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected

Edifying - providing moral or intellectual instruction

Mercurial - subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind

4) Answer: D

Panacea: cure-all, elixir

Articulate: eloquent, fluent, effective

It is thought that growth is the cure for all (panacea) the development challenges and it is compared with increasing the impression or belief of voters, but this is not effective (articulate) in actual growth.

Charlatan - a person falsely claiming to have special knowledge or skill; a fraud

Lucid - expressed clearly; easy to understand

Convivial - friendly, lively, and enjoyable

Evasiveness - get around or avoid using trickery or cleverness

Ludicrous - so foolish, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; ridiculous

Platitude - statement that expresses an idea that is not new

5) Answer: A

Palpable: noticeable, detectable

Hounded: harass, bother, trouble

In the case of Mr. Zubair, it was noticeable (palpable) that he was being harassed (hounded) by the police on the complaints provoked by the communal benefits.

Pallid - pale, typically because of poor health; feeble or insipid
Zealot - a person who is fanatical in pursuit of their religious, political, or other ideals
Sanguine - optimistic or positive, especially in a bad or difficult situation
Disperse - distribute or spread over a wide area
Homogenous - of the same kind; alike
Jubilant - feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 190

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a word omitted. Find the word from the options that fits in the blank and mark it as your answer. If none of the words fit in the blanks then mark option E as the answer.

1. Ukraine's ambassador to the United Nations, SergiyKyslytsya, claimed to have __________ an exchange of messages between a Russian soldier and his mother moments before the young man was killed in action.

A. hoard
B. surrendered
C. jostled
D. accessed
E. None of these

2. IlkerAyci has ________ down the Tata Group's offer to be CEO and Managing Director of Air India.

A. set
B. turned
C. broke
D. bogged
E. None of these

3. After using drones, copters and satellite phones to locate illegal liquor manufacturing units in Bihar, the State government has decided to give some relief to tipplers by not sending them to jail if they _______ information about bootleggers and the source of their supply.

A. provides
B. repudiate
C. allocate
D. shroud
E. None of these

4. India is steadily _________ ahead in its growth ambitions.

A. marching
B. pass

C. keeping
D. recessing
E. None of these

5. There's been a rise in lending by commercial banks in recent months. This has come after nearly two years of _______ banking operations due to the covid-19 pandemic.
A. excellent
B. empathic
C. dismal
D. irrefutable
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: D

accessed

In the sentence, the Ukrainian ambassador to the UN has claimed that there was a talk between a Russian soldier and his mother before he was killed during fight between Russia and Ukraine.

Here, 'accessed' is the correct word signifying the permission or reach to talk over messages between the two people. We need a past participle, so option A is eliminated. Other words are contextually incorrect. So, option D is correct answer.

Hoard (v) – stock, accumulate, save
Surrender (v) – quit, waive, succumb
Jostle (v) – compete, fight, jolt
Access (v) – gain, reach, get

2. Answer: B

turned

Turn down – reject something offered or proposed
Set down – record something in writing
Break down – to stop working; to lose control of your feelings and start crying
Bog down – to cause (something) to sink in wet ground

In the sentence, it is given that IlkerAyci has refused to accept the offer of becoming CEO and Managing Director of Air India. So, option B is correct answer.

3. Answer: C

allocate

In the sentence, the state govt. of Bihar has decided to grant relief to some of the habitual drinkers if they provide information about the illicit liquor dealers and the source from where they supply the liquor. We need a verb in its base form. Option A is singular verb whereas we need a plural verb. Options B and D are contextually incorrect. Only 'allocate' is correct grammatically and contextually. So, option C is the correct answer.

Allocate (v) – administer, distribute, share
Repudiate (v) – reject, refuse, disaffirm
Shroud (n) – covering, shelter

4. Answer: A

marching

Marching ahead – advancing, moving forward
Keep ahead – doing enough of a task in order to remain ahead of schedule; monitor a situation Recessing – to bring to a formal close for a period of time; suspending, dispersing

According to the sentence, India is slowly advancing forward according to its growth ambitions. So, marching is the correct word here. We need a present participle. So, option A is the correct answer.

5. Answer: C

dismal

According to the context, it is said that due to inferior banking operations in the times of covid-19 pandemic, lending by commercial banks has increased. For signifying 'poor' banking operations, we need an adjective in the blank.

All the words are adjective but only 'dismal' is contextually correct.

Empathic (adj) – showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another; compassionate, sensitive
Irrefutable (adj) – undeniable, unquestionable, and undisputable
Dismal (adj) – poor, inferior, unsatisfactory
Opposite – excellent

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 191

Directions: The following questions have a blank, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the correct word that best fits in the context of the sentence. If no option fits correctly mark (E) as your answer, that is ' none of these'.

1. Despite the Russia-China _____________, there is an ongoing battle for influence over Nations in Central Asia bordered by both, Kazakhstan being the one.

A. Bonhomie
B. Incivility
C. Animosity
D. Hostility
E. None of these

2. As an ___________ Monk, Swami ji, came in close contact with the masses, he saw their abysmal suffering intimately and empathized with their misery.

A. Sedentary
B. Penurious
C. Itinerant
D. Mercenary
E. None of these

3. One report highlights that the world's richest thousand individuals have _________ pandemic losses within nine months, whereas, the world's poorest may take more than a decade to do the same.

A. Recalibrated
B. Reaffirmed
C. Recrystallized
D. Recouped
E. None of these

4. Almost 68 percent of wildlife has declined due to the large scale ____________ of forest cover, which now stands at a mere 31percent and so of the total land area.

A. Palisade
B. Accumulation

C. Attrition
D. Fortification
E. None of these

5. The widening ________________ between the rich and the poor is a source of acute suffering that keeps the world in a state of constant instability.

A. Unification
B. Confluence
C. Nexus
D. Chasm
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The context of the sentence says that, in spite of a friendly relation between Russia and China, there is a battle going on between the two Nations for the influence over nations in Central Asia bordered by both

Among all the options, only option 'bonhomie' fits into the context of the sentence, which means – cheerful, friendly; geniality

'Incivility; - rude or unsociable speech or behavior 'Animosity' – a strong feeling of dislike or hatred 'Hostility' – unfriendliness or opposition

2. Answer: C

From the context of the sentence, we understand that Swamiji came in contact with people and helped them with their sufferings. So, the monk can be generous or a traveller, who helped people from place to place. When we look at the options, only option (C) 'itinerant' fits in the context of the sentence, which meanstravelling from place to place

'Sedentary' – (of a person) tending to spend much time seated; somewhat inactive
'Penurious' – extremely poor; poverty-stricken
'Mercenary' – primarily concerned with making money even at the expense of ethics

3. Answer: D

The context says that, the rich recovered from the pandemic losses within nine months, but the poor may take more than a decade. Among all the options, only option (D) 'recouped' fits the context of the sentence, which means- to regain or make good (a financial or other loss)

‘Recalibrated’ – to make small changes in an instrument so that it measures accurately ‘Reaffirmed’ – state again strongly

‘Recrystallized’ – form or cause to from crystals again

4. Answer: C

The context of the sentence says that, the wildlife has declined due to the reduction in forest area.

Among all the options, only option (C) 'attrition' fits the context of the sentence, which meansthe process of reducing something’s strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure

‘Palisade’ – a fence of pales or stakes set firmly in the ground

‘Accumulation’ – the acquisition or gradual gathering of something

‘Fortification’ – a defensive wall or other reinforcement built to strengthen a place against attack

5. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that, the widening gap between the rich and the poor is a source of constant instability in the world. Among all the options, only option (D) 'chasm' fits the context of the sentence, which means- a profound difference between people, viewpoints, feelings, etc.

‘Unification’ – the process of being united and made into a whole

‘Confluence’ – an act or process of merging

‘Nexus’ – a central or focal point

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 192

Directions: The following questions below have a sentence wi th three blanks each. Six words below the sentences have been given which can fill the b lanks. You must read the sentences carefully and choose the option with the correct combination of words that fit the blanks respectively

1. To get back on the growth track and to increase the size of the economy, i t needed to focus on _________ the incomes and __________ of those at the _________ of the pyramid.

A. Improving
B. Expenditures
C. Expanding
D. Top
E. Bottom
E. Consumption
A. ACF
B. CFE
C. BDF
D. ABD
E. EDC

2. Opportunities for women to _________ in paid economic _________ have been low and _______ in recent years.

A. Get
B. Participate
C. Jobs
D. Activities
E. Falling
F. Failing
A. BDE
B. AEC
C. BFA
D. AFE

E. Other than the given options

3. The bigger issue, __________, is the learning l oss ___________ by the world's longest _________ of schools.

A. Moreover

B. However

C. Caused

D. Resulted

E. Lockdown

F. Closure

A. ACD

B. BDE

C. BCF

D. DCE

E. ACF

4. Forest status has been ___________ to mangroves __________ no government body wants to ___________ the land to the forest department.

A. Bestowed

B. Transfer

C. Provided

D. Granted

E. And

F. But

A. CEA

B. AED

C. FEB

D. DFB

E. Other than the given options

5. Youth employment rates have _______________across all states, explaining why the young are out on the streets demanding jobs.

A. Soared

B. Telling

C. Explaining
D. Plummeted
E. Looking
F. Demanding
A. DCF
B. ABE
C. DBE
D. EDF
E. Other than the given options

Solutions

1. Answer: B

Only A and C can fit in the first blank so first, we can eliminate options (a), (c) and (e).
Now, for the second blank only B and F can make some sense.
If increasing the incomes is something that is being discussed, then the ones at the 'bottom of the pyramid' should be considered. This further clarifies that the last word should be E.
Looking at all the above points we can eliminate all the options other than (b). So, CFE is the best combination that completes the sentence meaningfully.

2. Answer: A

Looking at the given words we can find that only B fits in the first blank given in the sentence.
Further, only D makes proper sense in the second blank by completing the phrase… 'economic activities'
It is pretty clear from the above discussion that the correct combination of words is given in the first option.
Therefore, option (a) is the correct answer.

3. Answer: C

The sentence starts with 'the bigger issue is' which means that the content from where the line has been taken discusses some issues and out the ones already discussed, the one given in this sentence ie; ‘the learning loss’ is the bigger one. A comparison is being made or let’s put it this way, a contradiction is being mentioned.

So, the most appropriate connector for the first blank would be the word ‘however’ which tells us that the correct combination of words should start with B.

In the last blank, the word ‘closure’ will fare better than the word ‘lockdown’ for schools.

So, this makes clear that our choice should be the third option and hence option (c) is the correct answer.

4. Answer: D

We generally use the word ‘bestow’ as a precedent to ‘wi th/upon’

In absence of the above two prepositions, it is best to go with other words for the first blank which in this case can be ‘granted’ and ‘provided’.

However, only ‘transfer’ fits the third blank and this clarifies that the combination should be ending with B. Above discussed conditions can be found in the fourth option and hence all others can be ruled out.

Therefore, the best option is (d).

5. Answer: A

The sentence says that the young are out on the streets for jobs. This shows that the employment rate has fallen and not risen. This meaning can be reflected by the word ‘plummeted’. This tells us that the options other than (a) and (c) can be ruled out.

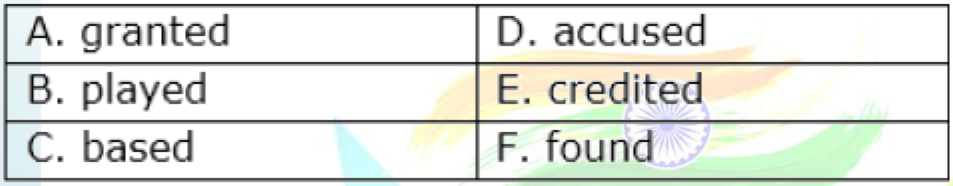
The third blank will take the word ‘demanding’ as ‘looking jobs’ will be grammatically incorrect.

So, the best combination is given in option (a).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 193

Directions: In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fits in the blanks.

1. The High Court on Thursday _______ bail to the actor who is ________ of running over and killing pedestrians.



A. granted	D. accused
B. played	E. credited
C. based	F. found

A. A-D

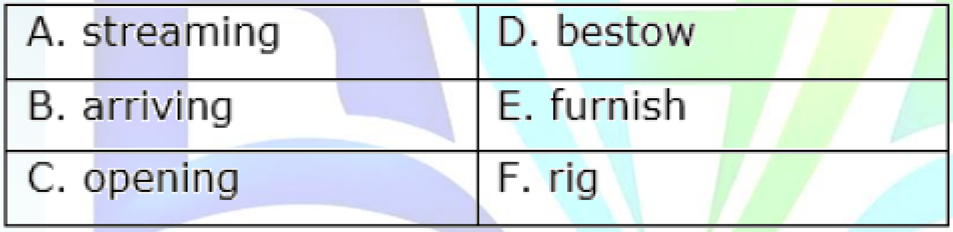
B. B-E

C. C-F

D. B-F

E. C-D

2. Fully vaccinated passengers ________ in India will no longer need to _______ pre-travel Covid-19 test results, the Union Health Ministry said on Thursday.



A. streaming	D. bestow
B. arriving	E. furnish
C. opening	F. rig

A. A-D

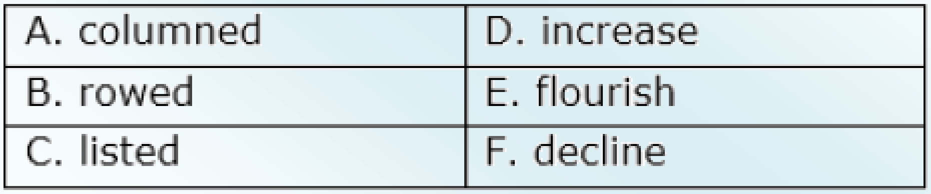
B. B-E

C. C-F

D. A-F

E. B-F

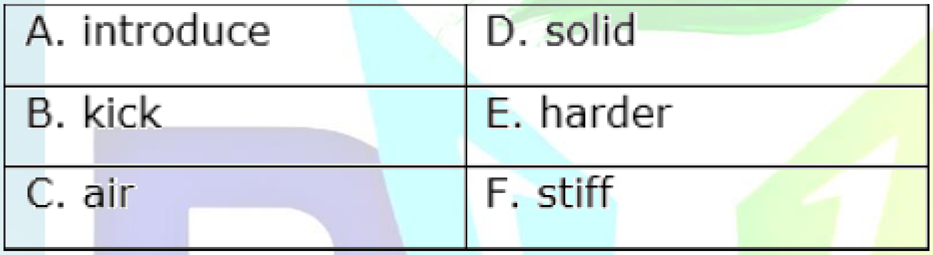
3) Australia has _____the koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast, after a dramatic ______in numbers.



A. columned	D. increase
B. rowed	E. flourish
C. listed	F. decline

A. A-D
B. B-E
C. C-F
D. B-D
E. C-E

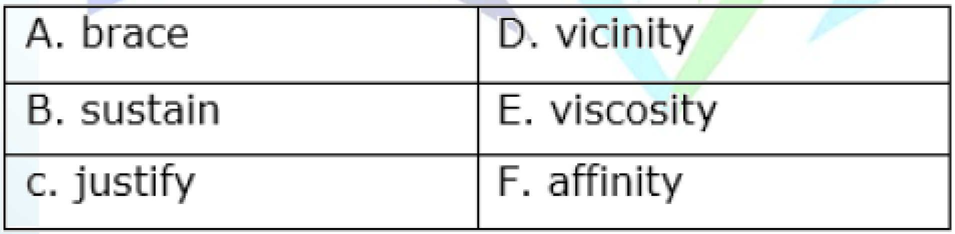
4) Apple plans to ______a number of changes to make it ______to mi suse Ai r Tags to track someone.



A. introduce	D. solid
B. kick	E. harder
C. air	F. stiff

A. A-D
B. B-E
C. C-F
D. A-E
E. C-D

5) Researchers believe there may be a planet that could ______life, in the _____of a dying sun.



A. brace	D. vicinity
B. sustain	E. viscosity
c. justify	F. affinity

A. A-D
B. B-D
C. C-F
D. A-F
E. B-E

Solutions

1) Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, the High Court allowed bail to the actor who is charged with killing people. Among the given words, we can use the pair in A since both the words are correct according to the given context of the blanks in the sentence. The other pairs of words are not correct according to the context.
Therefore, option A is correct.

2) Answer: B

According to the given context of the sentence, passengers who are fully vaccinated and are travelling to India will no longer have to provide a pre-travel Covid-19 test result according to the ministry. Among the given words we can use the pair given in B since both words are correct according to the given context of the sentence.
The rest of the words do not fit the blanks and are meaningless.
Therefore, option B is correct.

3) Answer: C

According to the given context of the sentence, Australia has registered the koala as an endangered species after witnessing a dramatic fall in their numbers. Among the given words, we can use the pair in C since both words fit the blanks according to the given context of the sentence.
Therefore, option C is correct.

4) Answer: D

According to the given context of the sentence, Apple wants to set forth number of new changes in order to make it more difficult to misuse Air Tags. Thus, among the given words, the pair in D makes the most sense. The other words do not make any sense grammatically or meaningfully.
Therefore, option D is correct.

5) Answer: B

According to the given context of the sentence, the scientists have discovered a planet that could support life in the proximity of a dying sun. Thus, among the words given, the pair in option B seems to be the most meaningful. The other words do not make any sense. Therefore, option B is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 194

Di rections (1-5): In the given questions, there are two blanks given, which need to be filled based on the context and grammar.

1. Dead bodies were seen floating in river Ganga or piled up on i ts banks, they were also queued up outside crematoriums as the _______ members of their families took shelter in the ___________ heat in peak summers during Covid's second wave last year.

A. Bereaving, sweltering
B. Agnostic, reckoning
C. Reserved, rocking
D. Pathetic, boiling
E. Ramified, steaming

2. The state government has sought ______ from the Central and the state Covid task forces on the measures to be adopted to make Maharashtra mask-free at the ___________, state health minister Rajesh Tope said in Kolhapur on Thursday.

A. Information, earliest
B. Deals, forward
C. Releases, needful
D. Recognition, latest
E. Suppression, willingness

3. Security forces are _____ a flag march in Udupi, the epicentre of pro and anti-hijab protests in the state, this comes after violent protests and stone-pelting over a government decision ___________ Muslim students from attending classes wearing hijab.

A. Committing, releasing
B. Relieving, hovering
C. holding, barring
D. Surrounding, supporting
E. Reminiscing, shouting

4. On the basis of secret information, a ____________ was laid near the Canal road from Badli industrial area towards Khera Kalan, the accused were __________ while coming from Badli industrial area.

A. Stock, heeded

B. Trap, intercepted

C. Requirement, Stalked

D. Rock, opened

E. Reverse, stopped

5. According to a report published in The Times of India (TOI), the accused _________ the victim, a 17-year-old minor girl, a few hours after she had filed a _____ against the youth for abusing her over the cell phone.

A. Harassed, complaint

B. Hired, report

C. Resided, application

D. Intercepted, order

E. Stalked, affidavit

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Solution- The sentence is depicting the scenario of death; therefore, the word bereaving would be appropriate in the first blank and as the sentence talks about the summer season it would be right to place the word sweltering in the second blank.

2. Answer: A

Solution- The sentence says that the government is seeking to go mask free which is a drastic step that requires information about measures which is required as soon as possible. Thus, option A is the appropriate choice.

3. Answer: C

Solution- The sentence talks about organising a flag march and in that context, holding which implies organizing would be an appropriate term. The government's decision could be to allow or not allow hijabs but as in option D the first word is not suitable the correct word would be barring.

4. Answer: B

Solution- The sentence tries to convey that there was a plan to trap the criminals when they were stopped at a particular area and thus, option B is the correct choice as it lends meaning to the sentence.

5. Answer: A

Solution- The sentence is trying to portray that the girl was being harassed by the accused and had gone ahead to take action against him.

Thus, the correct option is A as it makes the sentence meaningful.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 195

Direction: In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fit in the blanks.

1. Women in India spend more hours ______ for children, the elderly and sick family members, and masks and other personal protective equipment are often designed and sized for men, women may be at risk of more ___________ to the virus.

A. caring, exposure

B. displaying, sick

C. withholding, necessary

D. looking, victim

E. giving, fear

2. In light of the rise in COVID-19 cases, the _________ in Maharashtra's Pune district has issued_____________ orders for over 50 tourist spots in the region, an official said on Tuesday.

A. public, celebratory

B. people, risking

C. cantonment, violent

D. students, protest

E. administration, prohibitory

3. The complainant in the Bulli Bai app case in Mumbai has received _______ from unknown callers, prompting her to submit a________ complaint with the cybercrime branch on Sunday.

A. invitation , report

B. likes, file

C. compensation, false

D. threats, written

E. fanfare, erroneous

4. Four months after the Taliban took ________ of Afghanistan, academics say they feel marooned, and abandoned by the international community ,with ________ prospects for research, many scientists have left or are still trying to find routes out , so they can continue their careers.

A. control, limited

B. cognizance, free

C. report, unlimited

D. out, violent

E. reaction, needy

5. Dressed in ______ clothes and wearing traditional flower wreaths, over 70 Hindu couples tied the _______ in a mass wedding ceremony in Karachi , According to media reports on Monday.

A. tacky, relation

B. colourful, knot

C. white, wed

D. normal, fire

E. Sombre, wedding

Solutions

1) Answer: A

The correct option is A because it tries to explain that the women take care of the other members of the family but protective gear is sized according to men majority of the times which make women more susceptible to fall prey to the virus. Thus A is the correct answer as the words in option A fit both the blanks correctly and appropriately communicate the meaning of the sentence.

2) Answer: E

The correct option is E. The sentence tries to give the message that due to the increase in the number of covid cases the authorities in Maharashtra are putting restrictions on tourist spots. The words in option E clearly fit in both the blanks lending meaning to the sentence. Therefore, the correct option is E.

3) Answer: D

The sentence refers to a controversial case therefore the words in option D are the most suitable. The sentence implies that a complaint is being filed which cannot be a result of likes, fanfare or invitation and the nature of complaint can also be appropriately described by the second word of option D. Thus, the correct option is D.

4) Answer: A

The sentence is trying to portray that after the occupation of Afghanistan the scholars are trying to flee the country in order to find better prospects for research. Thus, the combination of words in option A suits the sentence appropriately as it preserves the meaning of the sentence. Therefore the correct option is A.

5) Answer: B

Solution- The given sentence is depicting the picture of a traditional Hindu wedding therefore option B fits the narrative as colourful is the apt description for the clothes and tied the knot is a well-known expression in English language to signify weddings. Thus the correct option is B.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 196

Directions: The following questions have a blank, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the correct word that best fits in the context of the sentence.

1. China, derided as a copycat just some years ago, is today a leader in many cutting-edge Technologies that the west is trying to ___________, whether it is the viral social media app like Tiktok, the world's biggest fintech firm or creative e-commerce companies.

A. Corrival

B. Emulate

C. Quash

D. Terminate

E. Distort

2. For insurers, there is always the fear of having to make large paybacks, to reduce the expected loss; they would have to charge __________ premiums.

A. Myriad

B. Finite

C. Clement

D. Exorbitant

E. Competitive

3. After more than 68 years, some of the existing provisions of the tea act 1953, have become __________ by efflux of time for which it has been proposed to bring a new act in place of the present act.

A. Indispensable

B. Essential

C. Redundant

D. Primitive

E. Peculiar

4. China as a developing country at the World Trade Organization (WTO) has become a ___________ issue, with a number of countries raising concerns over the upper middle income nation driving benefits reserved for developing countries under the WTO norms.

A. Ingratiating
B. Anodyne
C. Docile
D. Contentious
E. Gracious

5. Connectivity means nothing when access is denied through persistent neighboring state hostility, contrary to the _______________ of international law.

A. Canons
B. Docket
C. Trivia
D. Cannon
E. Credo

Solutions

1. Answer: B

(option B) is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that, China which was known as a copycat now become a highly advanced nation in technologies and now the West is trying to copy China. Among all the options, only option (B) 'emulate' fits the context of the sentence, which means – match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation

‘Corrival’ – one of several competitors having an equal claim to someone or something, especially a rival

‘Quash’ – reject as invalid, especially by a legal procedure

‘Terminate’ – bring to an end

‘Distort’ – pull or twist out of shape

2. Answer: D

(option D) is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that, insurance companies charge high premiums from their customers, to offset the expected loss.

Among all the options, only option (D) 'exorbitant' fits in the context of the sentence, which means – (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high

‘Myriad’ – a countless or extremely great number of people or things

‘Finite’ – limited in size or extent

‘Clement’ – (of weather) mild

3. Answer: C

(option C) is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that, by the time the provisions in the existing tea act become needless, a new act should be proposed in place of the older one. Among all the options, only option (C) 'redundant' fits the context of the sentence, which means - no longer needed or useful; unwanted

‘Indispensable’ – absolutely necessary

‘Primitive’ – very basic or unsophisticated in terms of comfort, convenience or efficiency

‘Peculiar’ – different to what is normal or expected

4. Answer: D

(option D) is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that, the status given to China as a developing country raised controversy because the upper-middleincome nation is getting the benefits that are reserved for the developing countries. Among all the options, only option (D) 'contentious' fits the context of the blank, which means – causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial

‘Ingratiating’ – bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them

‘Anodyne’ – not likely to cause offence or disagreement

‘Docile’ – ready to accept control or instruction

‘Gracious’ – kind and pleasant, especially towards someone of lower social status

5. Answer: A

(option A) is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that, connectivity cannot do anything when neighboring State's bitterness denied access, which is against the rules of the international law.

Among all the options, only option (A) 'canons' fits the context of the sentence, which means - a general law, rule, principle or criterion through which someone is judged

‘Docket’ – a document or label listing the contents of a consignment or package

‘Trivia’ – details, considerations, or piece of information of little importance or value

‘Cannon’ – a large heavy gun, usually mounted on a carriage

‘Credo’ – a statement of the beliefs or opinions which guide someone’s actions

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 197

Directions: In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fits in the blanks.

1. The government's failure to ______ to the court what logic had _______ it to fix an annual income ceiling of Rs. 8 lakhs for selection of EWS had held up counselling for medical courses.

A. explain, prompted
B. untangle, rise
C. play, induced
D. guide, dissolved
E. None of the above

2. The Supreme Court on Friday _____ down a CBSE rule that said the marks _______ by students in their improvement exams would be final, even if they had secured higher scores in the regular exams.

A. plugged, derived
B. smite, grabbed
C. struck, obtained
D. punched, played
E. None of the above

3. Ethiopia's government says it will ____ several prominent opposition figures as the country _____ Orthodox Christmas.

A. permit, brings
B. free, marks
C. spare, spots
D. loose, flecks
E. None of the above

4. The Assam government on Friday _______ that unvaccinated people would be ______ from public spaces and transport.

A. publicized, bared
B. concealed, secured

C. supressed, reported
D. announced, barred
E. None of the above

5. The Human Rights group ______ a huge blow after the Court ______ to grant bai l to a Rights activist.
A. suffered, refused
B. granted, diffused
C. invaded, poised
D. violated, alleged
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

According to the given context of the sentence, counselling for medical courses was held up since the government failed to clarify what exactly had caused them to fix such a highincome ceiling for the EWS category. Among the given words, we can use the pair in A since both the words are correct according to the given context of the blanks in the sentence. In other cases, the words will not fit in the given blanks.
Therefore, option A is correct.

2. Answer: C

According to the context of the sentence, the Supreme Court overturned a CBSE rule that said the marks scored by the students in their improvement exams would be final, even if they scored lower than their regular exams. Among the words given, we can use the pair in C since both the words are correct in the given context.
Other words do not fit the blanks and can be eliminated.
Option C is the correct choice among the given options.

3. Answer: B

According to the context of the sentence, Ethiopia's government will liberate several of its opposition figures as the country celebrates orthodox Christmas. Among the given words we can use the pair in B since both the words are correct according to the given context of the sentence. In other cases, the words will not fit in
the given blanks.
Therefore, option B is correct.

4. Answer: D

According to the context of the sentence, the Assam government stated that people who are still unvaccinated will not be allowed in public spaces and transport. Among the given words we can use the pair in D since both the words are correct according to the given context.

Other words do not fit in the blanks and can be eliminated.

Therefore, option D is correct.

5. Answer: A

According to the context of the sentence, the Human Rights group dealt with a huge blow after the Court did not grant bail to a Rights activist. Among the words given we can use the pair in A since both the words are correct in the given context. Other words do not fit the blanks and can be eliminated.

Option A is the correct choice among the given options.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 198

Directions: In each question given below there are two statements followed by a blank in it. You have to find a suitable pair of words that can fit both the sentences grammatically and contextually.

1.

(I) Women have not yet been ____________ from all the inequalities of the past.

(II) Slaves were not ___________ until 1863 in the United States.

A. Fetter

B. Confined

C. Grappled

D. Emancipated

E. All are correct

2.

(I) The job offers an excellent _____________package that includes health insurance and vacation pay.

(II) Some law enforcement officers take bribes to supplement the low ____________they receive as salaries.

A. increment

B. Extortion

C. Remuneration

D. Exposure

E. None of the above

3.

(I) Reform critics question the ___________of juvenile prisons in deterring youth crime

(II) The two child psychologists spent hours debating the _________of spanking upon behavior.

A. Futility

B. Efficacy

C. Hindrance

D. Redundant

E. None of the above

4.

(I) High winds have been creating ___________ for farmers.

(II) The bad weather played ___________ with our plans.

A. Havoc

B. Formation

C. Erection

D. Recreation

E. All are correct

5.

(I) The Island is being destroyed by the __________ march of tourism.

(II) Consider the shoppers you know who are __________ in their pursuit of a deal.

A. Relentless

B. Sporadic

C. transient

D. Heedless

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The first sentence explains that women are not liberated from all the inequalities

The second sentence explains that until 1863 there was no liberation in the United States

Emancipated – to free from social, legal or political restrictions, liberation

Here emancipated suits both the sentences correctly where the other options are opposite to the sentences.

Hence option D is the answer.

2. Answer: C

Remuneration - Payment, earning, salary

The first sentence explains that the job provides a good salary which includes extra benefits

The second sentence explains that some officers take bribes to compensate for their low salaries

Here, Remuneration suits both the sentences correctly whereas other options are opposite to it.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

3. Answer: B

The first sentence explains that Reform Critics question the ability of juvenile persons in preventing youth crime

The second sentence explains that psychologists spent time discussing the result of child behavior.

Efficacy – the ability to produce a result or success

Here Efficacy suits both the sentences correctly whereas other options are opposite to it. Hence option B is the correct answer.

4. Answer: A

The first sentence explains that high winds create destruction for farmers

The second sentence explains that bad weather created disturbance in our plans

Havoc – widespread destruction, damage,

Devastation

Here havoc suits both the sentences correctly whereas other options are opposite of the same.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

5. Answer: A

The first sentence explains that by continuous march of tourism the island is being destroyed

The second sentence tells us to consider those shoppers who persistently try to strike the deal

Relentless – persistent, constant

Here relentless suits both the sentences correctly whereas the other options are unfit as per the context.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 199

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which are indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. The Congress on Sunday questioned the Modi government as the massive ABG Shipyard scam _________ in the open after the CBI booked ABG Shipyard and its former chairman and managing director Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal for ________ cheating a consortium of banks led by State Bank of India to the tune of ₹22,842 crore.

A. came out, apparently

B. disclose, allegedly

C. exposed, reported

D. evanesced, allegation

E. circulation, surely

2. Russia on Friday said French President Emmanuel Macron was made to sit at an ___________ long table for his talks with Vladimir Putin because he _________ to take a Kremlin- performed COVID test.

A. enormously, excepted

B. numerously, decided

C. intensively, reprobate

D. enormously, refused

E. huge, attained

3. Unavailability of players has been an issue for the Indians with Smriti Mandhana and pacers Renuka Singh and Meghana Singh __________ the first game due to an __________ Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ).

A. attending, prolonged

B. misplacing, attenuated

C. missing, extended

D. absence, enlarged

E. playing, abbreviated

4. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was ________ by several BJP leaders for his promise to set up a committee for preparing a draft Uniform Civil Code (UCC) if the party was reelected to _______ in the State, while the Opposition leaders criticised him for the remarks.

A. encouraged, help
B. cheered, power
C. praised, direction
D. vilified, reign
E. reprimanded, control

5. The Delhi government will ________ daily shows on the life and ________ of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar beginning later the month of February, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced.

A. promoting, heritage
B. direct, legal
C. organize, legacy
D. display, dismissal
E. deactivate, demise

Solutions

1. Answer: A

; came out, apparently

The context tells us that the ABG Shipyard scam was exposed in the public and its former chairman was booked for cheating the banks with a huge amount of ₹ 22,842 crore. The sentence is in past tense so we need a verb (v2) in the first blank and an adverb in the second blank. Only option A has the correct set of words that fit the blanks contextually and grammatically.

Apparently – allegedly, surely, reportedly, supposedly
Evanesced – came out, exposed, circulated, disclosed

2. Answer: D

; enormously, refused

The context tells us that the incident with the French President may be because he refused to take a Covid test and hence was made to sit at a long table.

Here, we need an adverb that denotes the term ‘long table’ and a verb (v2) in the second blank denoting the reason for the incident. In option A, ‘excepted’ is contextually incorrect. In option B, ‘numerously’ is incorrect as it doesn’t modify ‘long table’. In option C, ‘reprobate’ is grammatically incorrect. It should have been given in the past form of verb (v2). In option E, ‘attained’ is contextually incorrect. So, the correct answer is option D.

Enormously – extremely, immensely, hugely

Attain – obtain, acquire

Except – apart from, aside

3. Answer: C

; missing, extended

The context tells us about the issue of unavailability of players while the players- Smriti Mandhana and pacers Renuka Singh and Meghana Singh will not play the game due to elongated isolation and quarantine.

We need a present participle in the first blank and a verb (v2) in the second blank. In option A, ‘attending’ and ‘prolonged’ are contextually and grammatically incorrect respectively. ‘Prolong’ is incorrect because it starts with a consonant while we need a word starting with a vowel. Attending is incorrect because it is not the issue of unavailability. In option B, ‘misplacing’ is incorrect as it is used for something removed from its place or has been lost. In option D, ‘absence’ is a noun while we need a present participle. In option E, playing is incorrect because it can’t be the issue of unavailability. So, the correct answer is option C.

Attenuate- extend, enlarge, prolong

Opposite – abbreviate, curtail and decreased

4. Answer: B

; cheered, power

The context tells us about the applause gained by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami for promising to set up a committee for preparing UCC if the party gets re-elected in the state, at the same time he got reprimanded by the opposition. First blank will be filled with the opposite word of ‘criticized’ because it is a contradiction connected by ‘while’. With this, options D & E are eliminated. In option A, ‘help’ is followed by ‘in’ and it should be followed by a verb (ing). In option C, ‘direction’ is a noun while we need a verb. So, the correct answer is option B.

5. Answer: C

; organize, legacy

The context tells us about the announcement made by the Delhi government that it will display daily shows on the life and heritage of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar that will be starting after the month of February.

In the first blank, we need the first form of verb (v1) and a noun in the second blank that gives an idea that the shows will be based on the good lessons and heritage of Dr. Ambedkar. In this way, option E will be eliminated. In option A, 'promoting' is incorrect as it is a present participle. In option B, 'legal' is an adjective while we need a noun. In option D, 'dismissal' is incorrect as it means firing someone from a job. So, the correct answer is option C.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 200

Directions: In each question given below, there is a sentence followed by a blank in it. You have to find a suitable pair of words that can make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

1. The musician works alone behind the closed door and within _____________ soundproof walls.

A. Inspiring

B. Hopeful

C. Comfortable

D. Formidable

E. None of the above

2.The emotional meaning of a word in certain context has ____________ to its directing object.

A. Impediment

B. Barrier

C. Incitement

D. Deterrent

E. None of the above

3.The store owner acted in a ____________ manner towards those who could not pay their bills.

A. Concerned

B. Callous

C. Compassionate

D. Gentle

E. None of the above

4. Flood waters began receding Friday after three days of __________ rain.

A. Incessant

B. transient

C. Recurrent

D. Intermittent

E. None of the above

5. We are working in ______________with our foreign partners.

A. Resentment

B. Rupture

C. Detachment

D. Alliance

E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The sentence explains that musicians work behind the doors within soundproof walls.

Formidable – intimidating, terrifying, frightening

Here formidable suits the sentence correctly whereas the other options are opposite to the sentence.

Hence option D is the answer.

2. Answer: C

The sentence explains that emotional meaning of the word in a particular context has reached its direct object

Incitement - provocation, encouragement, motivation

Here Incitement suits the sentence correctly whereas the other options are opposite to the sentence.

Hence option C is the answer.

3. Answer: B

The sentence explains that the owner of the store behaves rudely with the people who are unable to pay their bills.

Callous - heartless, ruthless, hard

Here Callous suits the sentence correctly whereas the other options are opposite to the sentence.

Hence option B is the answer.

4. Answer: A

The sentence explains that Flood waters began receding after three days of continuous rain.

Incessant – continuing without pause or interruption

Here Incessant suits the sentence correctly whereas the other options are opposite to the sentence.

Hence option A is the answer.

5. Answer: D

The sentence explains that they are working in union with their foreign partners.

Alliance – league, union, association

Here alliance suits the sentence correctly whereas the other options are opposite to the sentence.

Hence option D is the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 201

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a word/pair of words omitted. The blank has to be filled with a phrasal verb. Find the phrasal verb from the options that fits in the blank and mark it as your answer. If none of the words fit in the blanks then mark option E as the answer.

1. India is __________ resume international flights on March 27, 2022 after a gap of two years. The big move has been taken amid widening global vaccine coverage, the government has said.

A. taken aback

B. set for

C. set to

D. putting off

E. none of these

2. President Joe Biden dramatically escalated his rhetoric against Vladimir Putin, _________ the Russian leader to be removed because of his brutal invasion of Ukraine.

A. joking around

B. calling for

C. laying off

D. vouching for

E. none of these

3. Two-day Bharat Bandh called by central trade unions - to protest against government policies _________ on Monday. Kerala, Delhi, Odisha, Bengal, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh were among the states where daily life was affected.

A. kicked off

B. turned out
C. embarks upon
D. headed for
E. none of these

4. India may ________ alternatives to Russian cooking coal, "supplies of which are
not smooth" because of a war with Ukraine. However, imports from Russia to India will continue.

A. get through
B. let down
C. look over
D. look for
E. none of these

5. The mercury in Delhi _______ by around two degrees on Sunday, after falling to 34.5 degrees Celsius (°C) the previous day on the back of strong winds.

A. brought down
B. shot up
C. gets ahead
D. faced up to
E. none of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

set to

According to the sentence, India is ready to restart international flights after a gap of two years since the pandemic continued and the step has been taken after ongoing global vaccine coverage. Option B is incorrect as it should be followed by a present participle whereas 'resume' is base form of the verb. So,

the correct answer will be option C. Meaning of phrasal verbs is mentioned below –
Taken aback – to surprise or shock someone
Set for – to begin and seem likely to continue
Set to – to begin actively and earnestly
Putting off – to postpone

2. Answer: B

calling for

According to the sentence, US president has increased his power of speech against Vladimir Putin and necessitated the requirement to remove Russian president from his post because of brutal invasion of Ukraine. 'Laying off' will be superfluous in the sentence as 'removed' is already given there. So, the correct answer is option B. Meaning of phrasal verbs is mentioned below –
Joking around - To act in a jovial or lighthearted manner; to be humorous
Calling for – to say publicly that something must happen
Laying off – give up or stop doing something; discharge a worker temporarily or permanently because of a shortage of work
Vouching for – Express confidence in or guarantee something; bear witness to, affirm

3. Answer: A

kicked off

According to the context, two-day Bharat Bandh presented by central trade unions against government policies started on Monday. Option C is eliminated as 'on' can't be used twice as well as it is in infinitive form whereas we need past tense. 'Head for' means to move in a certain direction. So, the correct answer is option A. Meaning of phrasal verbs is given below –
Kicked off – to begin something
Turn out – end up being /switch off a light
/produce; to be discovered to be; to prove to be

Embark upon – Start or engage in something.

Head for – Go towards or move in a certain direction

4. Answer: D

look for

According to the sentence, India may find alternatives or options to Russian cooking coal as its supply is disturbed due to war with Ukraine. So, option D is correct both grammatically and contextually. Meaning of

phrasal verbs is mentioned below –

Get through – pass a difficult or testing experience or period; qualify

Let down – a disappointment, because something is not as good as you thought it would be

Look over – inspect something with a view to establishing its merits; check, monitor

Look for – attempt to find someone or something; foresee, hope

5. Answer: B

shot up

According to the context, the temperature in Delhi increased by around two degrees on Sunday after falling to 34.5 degree Celsius on the previous day because of strong winds.

Option A is incorrect as it is said that the previous day there were strong winds that caused temperature to lower down but on the next day the temperature rose. Option C is grammatically incorrect and option D is contextually incorrect. Only option B is the correct answer. Meaning of phrasal verbs is

mentioned below – Brought down – to make someone lose power or be defeated; to cause someone to fall

Shot up – increase quickly by large amount

Gets ahead – make progress Faced up to – acknowledge something difficult or embarrassing; to deal with (something bad or unpleasant) in a direct way.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 202

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which indicate that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

1. COVID19 has _________ Indian society. Over two-thirds of the country has been __________ by COVID19 and perhaps five million or so people have died, directly or indirectly, from the pandemic.
A. affected, cured
B. overwhelmed, benevolent
C. impeded, contaminated
D. upended, infected
E. none of these

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi _________ concern at the situation in the Sariska Tiger Reserve and assured all ________ to Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot.
A. deluges, aid
B. expressed, help
C. undirected, outage
D. shown, frolics
E. none of these

3. Bhutan Prime Minister Lotay Tshering _________ his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, for ________ Covid-19 vaccines with its neighbour.
A. sued, purchased
B. confronted, detaining
C. thanked, sharing

D. laureates, forwarding

E. none of these

4. In his first address to the Uttar Pradesh assembly after ________ the Chief Minister for the second term, Yogi Adityanath said the Opposition must work in __________ with the government to strengthen democracy.

A. becoming, tandem

B. resigning, accordance

C. winning, contestation

D. attaining, company

E. none of these

5. The Biden administration is ________ what it says is a one-stop website that will help people in the United States __________ COVID-19 tests, vaccines and treatments, along with status updates on infection rates where they live.

A. executing, assess

B. denying, administer

C. projecting, aggressing

D. launching, access

E. none of these

Solutions

1. Answer: D

; upended, infected

In this sentence, it is given that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected Indian society badly and over two-third population of the country has been infected by this and around 5 million or more have died. We need past participle in first blank and second blank. In option A, 'cured' is inappropriate because the context tells how Covid effected the society in negative way whereas cured is positive word. In option B, overwhelmed means defeated but in benevolent doesn't fit the second blank. Similarly, in option C, impeded is inappropriate. Only D has the correct set of words that fit the blanks. So, the answer is option D.

Benevolent (adj) – kind, caring
Impede (v) – hinder, obstruct
Upend (v) – triumph, conquer, win

2. Answer: B

; expressed, help

In this sentence, it is given that PM has showed worry at the situation of fire in Sariska Tiger Reserve and assured all aid and help to Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot. Here, we need a verb in past tense following the rule of parallelism and a noun in second blank. In option A, deluges is grammatically and contextually incorrect. In option C, both the words are contextually incorrect. In option D, 'frolics' is inappropriate. Only B has the correct set of words that fit the blank contextually and grammatically. So, the answer is option B.

Deluge (v) – flood, swamp Aid (n) – help, relief, assistance
Frolic (n) – fun, amusement Outage (n) – disconnection, blackout
Undirected (adj) – purposeless, aimless

3. Answer: C

; thanked, sharing

In this sentence, it is given that Bhutan Prime Minister Lotay Tshering has thanked Indian PM for giving Covid-19 vaccines with the former nation. In option A, 'purchased' is inappropriate and it also doesn't fit grammatically because with preposition 'with', it would mean that Indian PM has purchased vaccines with his Bhutan counterpart. In option B, 'detaining' means confining and it is also contextually incorrect. In option D, 'laureates' is grammatically incorrect and 'forwarding' takes preposition 'to'. Only option C is correct both grammatically and contextually. So, the answer is option C.

Laureate (v) – thank, compliment Sued (v) – prosecuted, summoned

4. Answer: A

; becoming, tandem

In this sentence, it is given that Yogi Adityanath has won the election and became the CM for the second term. He said that the opposition must work in cooperation with the government to strengthen democracy. Here, we need a gerund in first blank and a noun in second blank. In option B, 'resigning' is contextually incorrect as there's a second term of same person as a CM, hence, it is eliminated. In option C, 'contestation' is also contextually incorrect. In option D, 'attaining' should have been used for a position or some opportunity, eg. 'Attaining the position of', so the word is inappropriate here. Only B has the correct set of words both grammatically and contextually. So, the answer is option B.

Tandem – partnership, combination Contestation – disagreement, clash, discord

Attaining – getting, acquiring

5. Answer: D

; launching, access

In this sentence, it is given that the US govt. Is launching a one-stop website that will help people living in the US to attain COVID-19 tests, vaccines and treatments in addition to status updates of increasing or decreasing rates of infection in their locality. In option A, 'assess' is incorrect as it means to calculate or estimate the price or value of. It is not given about the assessment of tests and vaccines. In option B, 'deny' is contextually incorrect. In option C, 'aggressing' is incorrect. Only option D, both the words are suitable contextually and grammatically, so, the answer is option D.

Access (v) – enter, approach

Aggress (v) – assail, assault, strike

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 203

Direction: Two sentences I and sentences II are given with a blank in them. Choose a word from the given options that would fill both the blanks in the given sentences.

1.

I. Sri Lanka is in the grips of its worst Economic ___________ in history.

II. She was about to break the relationship with her husband, but the love they had prevented her from having a ____________.

A. meltdown

B. disruption

C. downfall

D. solitude

E. resentment

2.

I. Many teenagers choose to _________in addictive games that involve gambling due to the influence of advertisements.

II. In order to ensure that all Indians, regardless of caste, class and religion, are able to ________ in economic growth, we must focus on basic skills.

A. rejoice

B. partake

C. revive

D. obligate

E. mislay

3.

I. It is sad that India has witnessed ____________ the 6 per cent tolerance limit for inflation on 6 occasions since 2014.

II. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has already issued advice to businesses and other organizations on how to avoid digital invasions and respond if there is ________ by some hackers.

A. Invading

B. Rendering

C. Breaching

D. Provoking

E. Forbidding

4.

I. Indian bulk diesel buyers are __________ up diesel from retail stations as pump prices are cheaper than their bulk contract prices.

II. We are ________ up tickets for the Dubai Expo just to see the Mastero.

A. Cooking

B. Gathering

C. Blocking

D. Snapping

E. Hovering

5.

I. Oil prices have already crossed the boundaries and can further ________ demand for two-wheelers.

II. My friend's marriage would put a serious ______ in my monthly budget.

A. Alleviate

B. Concuss

C. Heist

D. Abolish

Solutions

1. Answer: A

'Meltdown' means 'a disastrous event, especially a rapid fall in share prices'.

'Meltdown' means 'a sudden loss of control over one's feelings or behavior'.

In sentence I, 'meltdown' refers to a disastrous event.

In sentence II, 'meltdown' refers to the loss of emotional control.

So, option A is appropriate.

'Disruption' means 'disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process'.

'Downfall' means 'a loss of power, prosperity, or status'. Option C may fit the blank in sentence I, but it is inappropriate for the blank in sentence II.

'Solitude' means 'the state or situation of being alone'. Option D may fit the blank in sentence II, but it is inappropriate for the blank in sentence I.

'Resentment' means 'bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly'.

Option E may fit the blank in sentence II, but it is inappropriate for the blank in sentence I.

2. Answer: B

'Partake' means 'join in (an activity)'.

In both sentences 'partake' refers to participation.

'Rejoice' means 'feel or show great joy or delight'. 'Rejoice' can fill the blank in sentence I, but it is irrelevant in the sentence II. So, option A is eliminated.

'Revive' means 'restore to life or consciousness'. Option C is contextually incorrect.

'Obligate' means 'bind or compel (someone), especially legally or morally'.

Option D may fit into the blank in sentence I, but it is inappropriate for the blank in sentence II.

'Mislay' means 'unintentionally put (an object) where it cannot readily be found and so lose it temporarily'. Option E hence, is inappropriate.

3. Answer: C

'Breaching' means 'an act of breaking or violating law, promise, agreement, regulation, or relationship'.

In sentence I, breaching refers to the violation of tolerance limit.

In sentence II, breaching refers to violation by hackers.

'Invading' means '(of an armed force or its commander) entering (a country or region) so as to subjugate or occupy it'.

'Rendering' means 'providing or giving (a service, help, etc.)'.

'Provoking' means 'giving rise to the specified reaction or emotion'.

'Forbidding' means 'refusing to allow (something)'.

Except C, other options are irrelevant to the context.

4. Answer: D

'Snapping up' is a phrasal verb which means 'buying or taking (someone or something' quickly'

In both blanks, 'snapping up' is contextually correct.

'Cooking up' is a phrasal verb that means 'inventing some new idea or excuse to deal with a particular situation'.

'Blocking' means 'prevent something from being done'.

'Gathering' means 'bringing many things together'.

'Hovering' means 'to wait near somebody/something'.

5. Answer: E

'Dent' means 'a noticeable effect, especially of reduction'.

In sentences I, 'dent' refers to reduction.

In sentence II, 'dent' refers to effect. So, option E is the right answer.

'Alleviate' means 'make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe'.

High oil prices won't make the demand less severe. So, option A is eliminated.

'Concuss' means 'cause (someone) to become temporarily unconscious or confused by hitting them on the head'. 'Concuss' is inappropriate contextually and it is eliminated.

'Heist' means 'a robbery'. 'Heist' is inappropriate contextually and it is eliminated.

'Abolish' means 'formally put an end to (a system, practice, or institution)'. 'Abolish' is inappropriate contextually and hence, is eliminated.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 204

Directions: In the following questions, a highlighted word is followed by the three sentences in which a blank is given. You have to identify which sentence (s) can be filled with the highlighted word to make the sentences contextually and grammatically correct.

1.Inevitable

a) It was _________ that in doing so he should incur unpopularity in many quarters.

b) The deficit in the treasury made it _________ that the gold reserve should be used to meet current expenses.

c) She waited, curious and _________ if she really wanted to know more about the strange new world she stumbled into.

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Only (c)

D. Both (a) and (b)

E. Both (b) and (c)

2. Insurgence

a) She fastened the safety harness tightly round her waist before starting the _________.

b) The Cuban dictator was angered by the political upheaval and vowed to avenge everyone who took part in the __________.

c) The _________ of literature indicates the decline of a nation; the two keep in their downward tendency.

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

3. Fragile

a) Of _______ frame and distinguished appearance, he possessed great courage and military capacity.

b) All ________ and highly breakable Genie items must be secured or removed.

c) For someone so emotionally _______, it might prove a dangerous form of therapy.

A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

4. Multifarious

a) The newspaper report detailed the fraudster's _________ business activities.

b) I wanted you to tell me that wasn't your _________ reason for wanting to get married.

c) Music wields its power over mind and heart in strange and ________ ways.

A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

5. Wane

a) The _________ in crime is a sad reflection on our society today.

b) The article claims that a/an __________ in crime indicates a decline in moral standards.

c) Ever since his success began to ________, he struggled with various addictions with cocaine and prescription drugs.

A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

Solutions

1. Answer: D

'Inevitable' means – certain to happen; unavoidable

Inevitable fits the context of the sentences of options (a) and (b)

(c) – 'if/whether' used to express a doubt or choice between alternatives. So, we can say that the context of the sentence express uncertainty. 'Inevitable' doesn't fit the context of the sentence

2. Answer: B

'Insurgence' means – an act of revolt

'Insurgence' supports the context of the sentence of option (b)

(a) – the context says that she fastened herself before an activity started. 'Insurgence' doesn't support the context of the sentence (c) – 'insurgence' doesn't support the context because the sentence doesn't talk about the any revolt or action.

3) Answer: E

'Fragile' means – easily broken or damaged

'Fragile' supports the context of the sentences of options (b) and (c)

(a) – 'fragile' doesn't support the context of the sentence, the sentence talks about the great appearance or courage of someone, so the blank will be filled by a strong or powerful word.

4. Answer: D

'Multifarious' means – many and of various types

'Multifarious' supports the context of the sentences of options (a) and (c)

(b) 'multifarious' doesn't support the context of the sentence, because the context talks about the 'sole or main' reason of something.

5. Answer: C

'Wane' means – to weaken in strength or influence

'Wane' supports the context of the sentence of option (c).

(a) – if the crime is sad reflection on our society, so according to the context the crime is not decreased or weakened. So, 'wane' doesn't support the context of the sentence

(b) – 'decline in moral standard' indicated that the crime is not decreased. So, 'wane' doesn't support the context of the sentence

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 205

Directions: In the following questions, some of the words are given in bold; each word is preceded by a blank. Find the suitable word from the options given below that could replace the bold word so as to make the sentence meaningful. If no replacement is required, choose (E), as your answer

1. It said that the gallows could be resorted to only in the rarest of rare cases, that too when "the __________ (different) option is unquestionably _________ (fallback)"

A. Substitute, solvent
B. Reserve, call up
C. Emergency, blocked
D. Alternate, shutout
E. No replacement required

2. Memories of the __________ (introduction) of Article 370 and the subsequent ___________ (advancement) on life and liberties of the people have soured the public mood.

A. Annulment, clampdown
B. Institution, rise
C. Abrogation, progress
D. Abolition, evolution
E. No replacement required

3. It would be _________ (never mind) to see the wide variety of cereals available in India that are facing extinction and intolerable or ___________ (commendable) to see the official reaction to the numbers.

A. Mindless, odious

B. Mind-boggling, disgusting
C. Mindblower, innocuous
D. Bewildering, salutary
E. No replacement required

4. Climate change poses a major threat for most modern crop varieties that cannot cope with the __________ (anthropological) rise of temperature, sudden floods, ________ (consistent) rainfall

A. Anthropometric, uncertain
B. Anthropocentric, predictable
C. Anthropocentric, erratic
D. Anthroposophy, irregular
E. No replacement required

5. Technology can be a tool to facilitate learning; it cannot be seen as a substitute to classroom teaching itself in a country _________ (distinguished) by mediocre infrastructure and a _________ (rational) in teaching.

A. Plagued, abundance
B. Fortified, surfeit
C. Plagued, paucity
D. Consoled, opulence
E. No replacement required

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The context of the sentence talks about the capital punishment (by hanging criminal) can be exercised only in the rarest of the rare cases, only when the other option is not available.
'Different' and 'fall back' both are incorrect. The context talks about the rarest of the rare cases not about 'different options'.

'Fallback' is also incorrect for the second blank, according to the context when other option is closed/blocked then only capital punishment will be sentenced.

'Fall back' - an alternative plan that may be used in an emergency

Option (A) - 'substitute' is both dramatically and contextually incorrect, we need an adjective to fill the blank, whereas 'substitute' is a noun.

'Solvent' is contextually incorrect.

'Substitute' - to put or use in place of another

'Solvent' - able to pay one's debts

Option (B) - 'reserve' and 'call up' both the words are contextually incorrect

'Reserve' - retain for future use

'Call up' - contact someone by phone

Option (C) - 'emergency' is contextually incorrect, whereas 'blocked' fits the context of the second blank

Option (D) - both 'alternate' and 'shut out' arecontextually and grammatically correct to fill their respective blanks.

'Alternate' - offering or expressing a choice

'Shut out' - to stop; block

2. Answer: A

The context of the sentence talks about the abrogation of article 370 and its following implicationsthat have made people unhappy

'Introduction' is contextually incorrect. Article 370 was not 'introduced' but was 'abolished', and 'advancement' is contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Option (B) - 'Institution' and 'rise' both words do not support the context of the sentence

Option (C) - 'abrogation' supports the context of the sentence but 'progress' doesn't support the context

'Abrogation' – the act of formally ending a law, agreement or custom

Option (D) - 'abolition' supports the context of this sentence but 'evolution' doesn't support the context, because 'evolution/development' of something will not make people unhappy

'Abolition' - the act of officially ending for stopping something

'Evolution' - the gradual development of something

Option (A) - 'annulment' and 'clampdown' both are contextually and grammatically correct

'Annulment' - an official announcement (of law, agreement on marriage) no longer exists

'Clampdown' - a sudden action taken bythe authority to stop all limit a particular activity

3. Answer: B

The context of the sentence talks about awide variety of cereals which are available in India, but still,facing anextinction

'Never mind' and 'commendable' both the words are opposite the context of the sentence

'Never mind' - used to urge someone not to worry

'Commendable' - deserving praise

Option (A) - mindless doesn't support the context of the sentence. According to the context, 'it is shocking to see the extinction of awide variety of cereals', it is not 'mindless'.

'Odious' may support the context of the second blank

'Odious' - extremely unpleasant

Option (C) - 'mindblower' and 'innocuous' both the words do not support the context of their respective blanks.

'Mindblower' - something that is astonishing or overwhelming

'Innocuous' - not harmful or offensive

Option (D) - 'bewildering' may fit the context of

the first blank, but 'salutary' is opposite to the context of the second blank
'Bewildering' - confusing and difficult to understand
'Salutary' - producing a beneficial effect
Option (B) - both 'mind boggling' and 'disgusting' support the context of theirrespective blanks.
'Mind-boggling' - extremely surprising and difficult to understand or imagine
'Disgusting' - extremely unpleasant or unacceptable

4. Answer: C

The context of the sentence talks about the effects of Climate Change on modern crop varieties, which are not able to bear the rising temperature or sudden/uncertain floods or rainfall.
'Anthropological' means - relating to the study of humankind, this doesn't support the context of the sentence. 'Consistent' is also incorrect, the sentence talks about sudden or uncertainfloods or rainfall patterns
Option (A) - 'anthropometric' means – the scientific study of the measurements and proportion of the human body, it doesn't support the context of the first blank. 'Uncertain' supports thecontext of the first blank
'Uncertain' - not known or definite
Option (B) - 'anthropocentric' means - considering humans as the most important and
Central fact, it supports the context of the sentence, it means- the rising temperature is caused because of human existence.
'Predictable' doesn't support the context of the second blank
'Predictable' - able to be known or seen
Option (D) - 'anthroposophy' means - a spiritual philosophy based on the teaching of Rudolf Steiner and this doesn't support the context.

'Irregular' supports the context of the sentence.

Option (C) - 'anthropocentric' and 'erratic' both contextually support the context of their respective blanks.

'Erratic' - not even or regular in pattern

5. Answer: C

The context of the sentence says that, technology can make learning easier but it cannot be asubstitute to classroom teaching because of two reasons, one, country's continuous problem of mediocre infrastructure and another is scarcity of teachers.

'Distinguished' and 'rational' both the words do not support the context of theirrespective blanks. According to the context,both the blanks will be filled by negative meaning words.

'Distinguished' - dignified and Nobel in appearance or manner

'Rational' - based on clear thought and reason

Now, when we look at the options, we can eliminate options (B) and (D), the words given in these options are opposite to the context of the sentence

'Fortified' – to strengthen something, especially in order to protect it

'Surfeit' – an excessive amount of something

'Consoled' – comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointed

'Opulence' – great wealth or luxury

Between options (A) and (C) - option (A) is incorrect, 'plagued' may support the context of the first blank, but 'abundance' is opposite to the context of the second blank. 'Plagued' - cause of continual trouble or distress

'Abundance' – a very large quantity of something

Option (C) - both 'plagued' and 'paucity' support the context of their respective blanks

'Paucity' – the presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 206

Directions: A statement is given below with two blanks in them. Find the group of appropriate words from the options which can fill in the blanks in order to make a meaningful sentence.

1. The minor, who was ___________ to the online game, was _____________ after his mother asked him to stop playing and shot her with his father's licensed gun on June 4.

A. opposed, pacified
B. dependent, infuriated
C. hooked, delighted
D. addicted, enraged
E. None of these

2. According to the Prime Minister's Office, the projects will help in improving the water supply in the region, along with ___________ connectivity and ________ the ease of living.

A. boosting, enhancing
B. subsiding, amending
C. amplifying, impairing
D. abbreviating, intensifying
E. None of these

3. The tensions _________ after a _____________ video went viral in which an instigating announcement was being made from a mosque in Bhaderwah, Jammu.

A. flared up, purported
B. flared on, alleged
C. flared out, aimed

D. flared down, purposed

E. None of these

4. The acting Minister of Foreign Affairs said he is _______ about the growth of the economy and the development of the country's__________.

A. dynamistic, transportation

B. optimistic, transit

C. pessimistic, movement

D. economistic, conveyance

E. None of these

5. President Ram Nath Kovind ______ the students of IIM Jammu to always remain connected with their _______ and play a key role in the startup ecosystem of the country.

A. requested, streams

B. pleased, families

C. urged, roots

D. forced, countries

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says because the minor was addicted to the online game, his mother was furious and asked him to stop playing and shot him with his father's licensed gun on June 4.

According to this, "addicted" seems the most perfect word for the first blank, and "enraged" aptly fits in the second blank. Remaining words are contextually inapt.

Enraged- very angry; furious.

Hence option D is the correct answer.

2. Answer: A

If the properly read the given sentence, it is clearly visible that the tone of the sentence is positive so we need both the words having positive meanings, from the given options only "boosting" and "amplifying" are positive words for the first blank, so options B and D are ruled out, from the remaining options only option A is apt.

3. Answer: A

The correct phrasal verb to be used in the first blank is "flared up" which means "a sudden outburst of something, especially violence or hostility"

Flared out means "to arrange the parts of (something) over a wider area" and has no relation with the given context.

Purported means appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; alleged. Remaining words have similar meaning to this.

According to this option A is the correct answer.

4. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs is hopeful about the growth of the economy and the development of the movement of the nation.

All the words are apt for the second blank but "optimistic" which means "hopeful and confident about the future" is the only word that fits perfectly in the blank first. Hence option B is the correct answer.

5. Answer: C

The context of the sentence says that our president requested the students of IIM Jammu to always remain connected with their roots and play a key role in the startup ecosystem of the country. The correct pair of words for the blanks is "urged, roots". Hence option C is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 207

Directions: In each of the given questions, a sentence is given with two blanks. One blank will fill by the phrasal verb and one will fill by an idiom or both will be filled by phrasal verbs. Choose the most appropriate combination of phrasal verb and idiom or phrasal verbs to fill in the given blanks to make the sentence correct and meaningful.

1) Be sure to __________ a life jacket before ___________ the boat.

A) Put down; getting over

B) Put away; getting at

C) Put on; getting into

D) Both A and B

E) None of the above.

2) The police were __________ a tip from an informer and caught the gang _______________.

A) Acting up; fast talker

B) Acting on; red-handed

C) Acting out; fast talker

D) Both A and C

E) None of the above.

3) The airport taxes _________ the savings we had ___________ the flight tickets.

A) Put aside; make off

B) Put away; make for

C) Both A and B

D) Cancelled out; made on

E) None of the above.

4) Jane spent a long time ___________ houses before she bought one, but eventually _____________ one near her office.

A) Looking at; decided upon

B) Looking for; decided upon

C) Looking into; decided upon

D) Both B and C

E) None of the above.

5) The last notes __________ because the audience _________ applause.

A) Died off; burst on

B) Died down; burst out in

C) Died away; burst into

D) Both A and B

E) None of the above.

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The given sentence says that wearing a jacket is necessary before boating.

Phrasal verbs' meanings:

Put on: To dress oneself with (an article of clothing); to place (an article of clothing) on oneself.

Put away: to keep something in its place.

Put down: to insult someone or say they are bad.

Get into: To access or enter some place or thing.

Get at: criticize someone repeatedly.

Get over (something/someone): recover from

Only option C can make a contextual sentence.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The given sentence says that police get the information from an informer and caught the culprit or gang.

Phrasal verbs' meanings:

Act on: To take action because of something like information received.

Act out: To behave poorly or inappropriately, especially considering one's age.

Act up: Of a person, to behave poorly or inappropriately.

Red-handed: In the act of doing something, especially something illegal or nefarious.

Fast talker: A person who verbally manipulates others into doing or believing something, especially something that is not in their best interest.

Only option B can make a contextual sentence.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: D

The given sentence says that the airport ruined the savings that someone has saved from flight tickets.

Phrasal verbs' meanings:

Cancel out: Have an opposite effect on something that has happened, taking things back to the beginning.

Put away: store something in an appropriate or usual place.

Put aside: To stop using, working on, or considering until later

Make for: move towards a place, usually in a hurry.

Make off: leave a place in a hurry

Made on: to perform a certain action; to produce or create something

Only option D can make a contextual sentence.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: A

The given sentence says that Jane spends a lot of time for buying a house and in the last; she chooses a house that is near her office.

Phrasal verbs' meanings:

Decide upon: Choose, select.

Looking at: observance, watching, observation - the act of observing; taking a patient look.

Look for: To search for; seek

Look into: To inquire into; investigate

Only option A can make a contextual sentence.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5) Answer: C

The given sentence says that the last notes of someone are inaudible because the audience suddenly produces applause.

Phrasal verbs' meanings:

Die away: Become quieter or inaudible (of a sound).

Die down: to gradually become less strong.

Die off: to stop living, one by one, until there are none left

Burst into; burst out in: of a plant, to bloom;

Break out into sudden activity.

Burst on: To occur to one suddenly.

Only option C can make a contextual sentence.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 208

Directions: in the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks; these blanks are preceded by two highlighted words. You have to choose from the given options the right pair of words and mark it as your answer.

1. Long _________ **(arduous (A), wearying (B))** years of study, tough competitive exams for getting into a specialty and doctors' inherent desire to be cutting-edge ensures they remain __________ **(abreast (A),unwitting (B))** of developments in their field

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

2. The _________ **(appearance (A), advent (B))** of radio and television during the last century
reduced the __________ **(leverage (A),dominance (B))** of the press over news media

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

3. When __________ **(confronted (A), annoyed (B))** with two conflicting ideas, we can often __________ **(endorse (A), countersign (B))** one viewpoint and distance ourselves from the other

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

4. Other harmful practices may be the misuse of social media in ___________ **(ventilating (A), fanning (B))** intolerance, instigating commercial business, and posting ___________ **(chaotic (A), inflammatory(B))** materials that tend to invite hate crime

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

5. The anger in Sri Lanka against the country's political ________ **(dregs (A), elite (B))** that Opposition leaders are _________ **(upstanding(A), squeamish (B))** about forming an all-party government, aware that they too will be held responsible if they fail to bring relief to the people

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talks about the hard work involved to get through the competitive exams. Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) 'Wearying' is incorrect; the context of the sentence is not talking about fatigue. So, option (B) is eliminated.

'Arduous' - involving or requiring strenuous effort
'Wearying' - causing tiredness; tiring

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that the burning Desire of doctors keep them well informed for development in their field.

Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct.

Option (B) 'unwitting' is contextually incorrect; it is opposite to the contact of this sentence. So, option (B) is eliminated

'Abreast' - up to a particular standard all level especially of knowledge
'Unwitting' - not aware of the full facts

2. Answer: C

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talks about the invention of radio and television

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'appearance' is contextually incorrect; it is used for the visibility of someone or something.

So, option (A) is eliminated

'Appearance' - an act of arriving or becoming visible

'Advent' - the invention of something

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that the invention of radio and television reduced the power of press media

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct.

Option (A) ‘leverage’ is contextually incorrect; it doesn't support the context of the sentence. So, option (A) is eliminated

'Leverage' - the ability to influence situation or people

'Dominance' - power and influence over others

3. Answer: A

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talks about the approach to deal with conflicting ideas

Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct. Option (B) 'annoyed' is contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence is not talking about the feeling of anger. So, option (B) is eliminated

'Confronted' - face up to and deal with a problem

'Annoyed' - slightly angry; irritated

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that between two conflicting ideas, we support one view point and distance ourselves from another viewpoint

Between options (A) and (B), option (A) is correct.

Option (B) 'countersign' doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about anyone's signature. So, option (B) is eliminated

'Endorse' - declare one's public approval or support

'Countersign' - a signature added to a document previously signed by another

4. Answer: D

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence says that social media is stirring up the intolerance

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct. Option (A) 'ventilating' doesn't support the context of this sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about air pressure. So, option (A) is eliminated

'Ventilating' - cause air to enter and circulate freely

'Fanning' - increase the strength of something; incite

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that posting provoking material on social media incite the crime

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct.

Option (A) 'chaotic' doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about confusion. So, option (A) is eliminated

'Chaotic' - in a state of complete confusion and disorder

'Inflammatory' - intended to arouse angry or violent feeling

5. Answer: C

Blank 1 - the context of the sentence talked about the anger in the people of Sri Lanka for their political leaders

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct.

Option (A) 'dregs' is contextually incorrect. It doesn't make any sense here. So, option (A) is eliminated

'Dregs' - the most worthless part or parts of something

'Elite' - belonging to the richest or most powerful

Blank 2 - the context of the sentence says that the anger of the people has made the opposition leaders nervous form a government

Between options (A) and (B), option (B) is correct.

Option (A) 'upstanding' is contextually incorrect; it is opposite to the context of the sentence. So, option (B) is eliminated

'Upstanding' - honest; respectable

'Squeamish' - upset by unpleasant sights; nervous

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 209

Directions: Each question below hastwo blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make it meaningful and coherent.

1) Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of **__________,** a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might _________over his negative experience of it.

A. Earning, transcend

B. Redemption, triumph

C. Livelihood, share

D. Deprivation, surpassed

E. Reduction, transfer

2) A large number of people ______ on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy ____ in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

A. conglomerate, condolences

B. takeover, dressing

C. attacked, participation

D. meet, bathe

E. gathered, dip

3) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has _________ that all government schoolsstart providing free breakfast in the coming academic year, as part of an ________ of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

A. order, diversification

B. thought, building-up

C. recommended, extension

D. ordeal, expenditure

E. recommending, expansion

4) Governments can play a critical role in this regard by ________ laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers' _________ in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

A. Enacting, Contribution
B. Produce, sharing
C. Making, involve
D. Introducing, contending
E. Provision, partaking

5) The surrendered or cancelled flats will be ________ to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their _______ for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

A. Allotment, permission
B. Given, Granted
C. Allotted, consent
D. Returned, Refuse
E. Sanction, approval

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Redemption- the action of being saved from evil;
Triumph- a very great success, victory
Kafka looked upon his writing and the creative act is signified as a means of redemption, a form of prayer through which he might be reconciled to the world or might triumphover his negative experience of it.

2) Answer: E

Gathered will be used in the first blank because; the large number of + Noun
Always takes the singular form of the verb or 2nd form of the verb. As the sentence is denoting the gathering after overnight, we'll use the 2nd form of the verb.
Dip- bathe, sink
A large number of people gathered on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam to take a holy dip in the Bay of Bengal, after overnight prayers to mark the MahaShivaratri festival.

3) Answer: C

Recommended- suggested;
Extension- expansion, increase
The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education has recommended that all government schools start providing free breakfast in the coming academic year as part

of an extension of the mid day meal scheme envisaged by the National Education Policy.

4) Answer: A

Enacting- passing a law;

Contribution- participation

Governments can play a critical role in this regard by enacting laws and regulations that influence farmers' access to agricultural inputs, cost of production, farmers' contribution in agricultural markets and value chains, the competitiveness of farmers and private investment in the farming sector.

5) Answer: C

Allotted- to give the share of something to someone;

Consent- to give assent or approval

The surrendered or cancelled flats will be allotted to the waitlisted applicants through the same draw process, if they give their consent for the allotment and deposit the registration money again and when demanded by the DDA before the draw.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 210

Direction: In the questions given here, a sentence is given with one blank. Choose the correct pain of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence, if none is correct, choose option (e).

1) India on Sunday reached the coveted landmark of administering 200 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses in what has been _____as the world’s biggest inoculation drive. The landmark was touched 18 months after the vaccination drive began in the country on January 16, 2021.

A. touted
B. candour
C. vacillated
D. blithe
E. None of these.

2) Referring to the increased Chinese activities ahead of the scheduled talks, he said he can't _____ an exact reason. He, however, said the IAF had installed several securityrelated apparatuses, including radars, soon after the Galwan incident in June 2020.

A. ineffable
B. pinpoint
C. ostracized
D. piety
E. None of these

3) Around 20 Indian soldiers had died in the line of duty while ____off a Chinese onslaught. Several Chinese soldiers, including officers, were also killed in the brutal hand-to-hand combat.

A. caustic
B. confound
C. fending
D. polarize
E. None of these

4) In one such lecture, Bill Gates said that the biggest danger the world has is from a virus. His _____ came true in the form of the coronavirus pandemic.

A. dearth
B. recalcitrant
C. impugn
D. prophecy
E. None of these

5) Jency describes Loyola as a temple, adding that transgender students would find a ______ environment at the institution. She has had a part-time English teaching position at Ambedkar College in Vyasarpadi while pursuing her PhD.

A. conducive
B. wary
C. sullen
D. subjective
E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Touted: acknowledged, known, approved India due to its large population size was recognized as the world's biggest inoculation drive, as no others country has this vast size for vaccine inoculation. The term "touted" correctly expresses the meaning of the line. The rest of the words do not make sense in the passage. Also, the blank comes after "been" which hints us to use the past participle form of the verb, so we can omit options (b) & (d).

Candour- the quality of being open and honest in expression; frankness
Vacillated- oscillate or waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive
Blithe- happy, careless, heedless

2) Answer: B

Pinpoint: identify, discover, determined

The author said that he cannot identify the exact reason for Chinese activities. The word "pinpoint" is used to represent words like "locate" or "find", and fits perfectly in the sentence.

Ineffable - too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words
Ostracized - exclude (someone) from a society or group

Piety - the quality of being religious or reverent

3) Answer: C

Fending: to defend oneself against someone or something.

The blank is followed by "off" so we can get the hint that the word "fending" must come in the blank. The correct phrase is "fending off" which means to defend oneself. No other word followed by "off" produces the same meaning.

Caustic - sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way

Confound - cause surprise, especially by acting against expectation

Polarize - to cause (people, opinions, etc.) to separate into opposing groups

4) Answer: D

Prophecy: prediction, forecast

Bill gates' previously thought of world danger from viruses, and that came true in the form of the coronavirus. So the term "prophecy" fits here perfectly to express "augury" or "prediction" of a future event.

Dearth - a scarcity or lack of something

Recalcitrant - having an obstinately

uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline, uncooperative

Impugn - dispute the truth or honesty of (a statement or motive); call into question

5) Answer: A

Conducive: favourable, beneficial,

As described by the speaker the Loyola institute has been compared with the temple, which hints us to use praising or valuable words for the blank. The word “conducive” means “advantageous” as the transgender students also will be benefitted from the institute.

The rest of the words are not praised words and mean the opposite.

Wary - feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems

Sullen - bad-tempered and sulky; gloomy

Subjective - based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 211

Directions: In each of the given questions, a sentence is given with two blanks. One blank will fill by the word and one will fill by an idiom. Choose the most appropriate combination of word and idiom or phrasal verbs to fill in the given blanks to make the sentence correct and meaningful.

1) It's going to be ________________ when I will meet him again. He broke up with me and decided to _______ any contact we once had.

a) a frosty Friday, cut off

b) a cold day in July; cut off

c) a long day in January; cut off

A) Both a and b

B) Both b and c

C) Both a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None of the above.

2) Peter was ___________ to find out his idol has her ____________.

a) saddened; clean hands

b) disappointed; feet of clay

c) saddened; cold feet

A) Only a

B) Only b

C) Only c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None of the above.

3) It took some ___________, but I finally got this old engine up and _______ again.

a) elbow grease; running

b) elbow room; starting

c) elbow-bending; running

A) Only a

B) Both a and c

C) Only b

D) Only c

E) All a, b, and c

4) I've always _____ that environmentalism and human rights are ___________________________.

a) felt; different sides of the same coin

b) observed; two sides of the same coin

c) experienced; opposite sides of the same coin.

A) Only a

B) Both a and c

C) Only b

D) Only c

E) All a, b, and c

5) I have so much _______ to do now that my boss has retired and ______________ to me.

a) work; passed the baton

b) task; handed on the baton

c) project; handed over the baton

A) Only a

B) Both a and c

C) Only b

D) Only c

E) All a, b, and c

Solutions

1) Answer: D

The given sentence says that I will never meet him again as he decided to discontinue all relations with me.

Idioms' meaning:

A cold day in July: A way of saying that something never or unlikely happens.

It'll be a long day in January: Something will never happen. (There are fewer hours of daylight in January.)

It'll be a frosty Friday: It is unlikely or impossible

Cut off: discontinue, a situation in which you stop doing, making, paying, or supplying something.

All the given options can contextually fit in both the given blanks.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The given sentence says that Peter was sad because his idol has some hidden flaws or weaknesses.

Idioms' meanings:

Have feet of clay: a hidden flaw or weakness in a person's character

Have cold feet: To experience nervousness or anxiety before one attempts to do something,

often to the extent that one tries to avoid it.

Have clean hands: To be innocent; to be free of any wrongdoing.

Disappointed and saddened both contextually and grammatically fit in the first blank. But, in the second blank only idiom "Has feet of clay" can contextually fit.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: A

The given sentence tells us that it takes much physical work to run the motor or engine again.

Idioms' meanings:

Elbow grease: By extension, any strenuous, effortful physical work needed to do or accomplish something.

Elbow room: Enough space to move around an area easily.

Elbow-bending: drinking liquor; drinking liquor to excess.

In the second blank, running, and starting both can be contextually fit. But, in the first blank, only the idiom "elbow grease" can contextually fit.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

4) Answer: E

The given sentence says that environmentalism and human are two things that seem different but they are related to each other.

All the given idioms can contextually fit in the second blank, all words contextually fit in the first blank as well.

Meaning:

Different/ opposite/ two sides of the same coin:

Two things that seem disparate but are actually related.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

5) Answer: E

The given sentence says that a boss gave work to an employee because he has retired.

Pass the baton; Hand on the baton; Hand over the baton: To bestow one's responsibility or job upon someone else

Work, task, and project all are contextually fit in the first blank.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 212

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a word omitted. Find the word from the options that fits in the blank and mark it as your answer. If none of the words fit in the blanks then mark option E as the answer.

1. We are going to come out with a policy for regional airlines and for helicopters to make them more __________, pervasive, and to provide that last mile connectivity, said Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

A. economically
B. economical
C. lavish
D. intrepid
E. None of these

2. The world faces unavoidable multiple climate hazards over the next two decades with global warming of 1.5 °C, and even temporarily _________ this warming level would mean additional, severe impacts, some of which will be irreversible.

A. preventing
B. diminish
C. preceding
D. exceeding
E. None of these

3. Gujarat's Manish Dave, 52, has won hearts for opening his restaurant door to Kyiv residents facing an ___________ crisis as Russia ups its offensive against Ukraine.

A. unique
B. unprecedented
C. novel
D. ordinary
E. None of these

4. The ICC Women’s 50-over Cricket World Cup starts in New Zealand on Friday. The eight-nation event was originally _________ for early 2021 but was postponed due to the pandemic.

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A. scheduled
B. planning
C. organize
D. hoaxed
E. None of these

5. There has been a mass _______ of workers from the villages to the towns.
A. exalt
B. depart
C. exodus
D. felicitation
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: B

economical

In the sentence, it is given that the Civil Aviation Minister has said that the ministry is making a policy for domestic airlines and helicopters to become fit at budget and widespread for all people so that it gives connectivity between the network and travellers. We need an adjective signifying ‘inexpensive’ so that it could be prevalent to all. ‘Economically’ is an adverb. ‘Lavish’ is contextually incorrect as if flights get lavish then it will eventually be expensive for middle men. ‘Intrepid’ is also contextually incorrect. So, option B is the correct answer.

Intrepid (adj) – extremely brave

2. Answer: D

exceeding

In the sentence, it is said that the world is facing multiple climate hazards for about two decades or more and exceeding in warming level will result into irreparable damage. ‘Preventing’ is contextually incorrect as here it is not talking about any halt or stop on anything. ‘Diminish’ is also incorrect contextually because if there is an irreversible damage then we can identify that the temperature is rising. ‘Preceding’ means former that is also contextually incorrect.

Only ‘exceeding’ is the correct word here. So, option D is the correct answer.

3. Answer: B

unprecedented

‘Unprecedented crisis’ means a crisis that had never happened before. With indefinite article ‘an’ we need a word starting with a vowel.

‘Unique’ is incorrect because when it is pronounced, it gives a consonant sound. Option D is contextually incorrect. So, option B is the correct answer.

4. Answer: A

scheduled

In the sentence, it is given that the event was planned for early months of 2021 but was postponed because of the ongoing pandemic.

Here, v2 will be used that signifies ‘plan’ or ‘schedule’. So, only option A is correct.

Hoax (v) – con, trick, bluff

5. Answer: C

exodus

In the sentence, the workers have moved from villages to towns. So, for a mass departure, ‘exodus’ is the correct word. We need a noun in the blank. ‘Depart’ is a verb. So, the correct answer is option C.

Exalt (v) – extol, glorify, praise

Felicitation (n) – congratulation, salutation

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 213

Direction: In the following questions, two statements are given with each blank in them. Out of the given alternatives, choose one word that fits correctly in both the blanks. If none of the words fits correctly, choose option E, 'none of these' as your answer.

1.

A. The president received ____________ from thousands of people who disagreed with his Twitter statements.

B. ____________ from the community is likely since most of the people will disagree with shutting down their favorite park.

A. backlash
B. deviation
C. influence
D. concordance
E. None of these

2.

A. It does not take much to aggravate my ___________ neighbor who is annoyed by any little noise.

B. Because Charles is very ___________, you have to be mindful of what you say to him.

A. genial
B. obedient
C. irascible
D. friendly
E. None of these

3.

A. Because the treaty between the two nations is very __________, it may be damaged during the presidential meeting.

B. My grandmother has extremely __________ health so she sees her doctor once a week.

A. robust
B. fragile
C. humble

D. desperate

E. None of these

4.

A. I had talked too much about myself and felt like a _________ old fool.

B. Once a _________ politician, he now rarely grants interviews and public speeches.

A. loquacious

B. restrained

C. assertive

D. embarrassing

E. None of these

5.

A. Mary will continue to give out false information and ___________ the lie if you do not tell her the truth about your absence.

B. During the drought, the farmers were concerned about not being able to ___________ the growth of their crops.

A. abandon

B. acclaim

C. contend

D. perpetuate

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

As both the statements are talking about facing disagreements, the word ‘backlash’ fits correctly in both the blanks as it means ‘a strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development’.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

2. Answer: C

As both the statements are talking about a person who can be easily irritated, the word ‘irascible’ fits correctly in both the blanks as it means ‘having or showing a tendency to be easily angered’. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

3. Answer: B

As both the sentences are talking about a treaty or health that are very weak, the word ‘fragile’ fits correctly in both the blanks as it means ‘(of an object) easily broken or damaged’ and ‘(of a person) not strong or sturdy; delicate and vulnerable.’
Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

4. Answer: A

As both the statements are talking about talkative people, the word ‘loquacious’ fits correctly in both the blanks as it means ‘tending to talk a great deal; talkative’.

5. Answer: D

The word ‘perpetuate’ fits correctly in both the blanks as it means ‘make (something) continue indefinitely.’ Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 214

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given in which a word has been left blank. From the given options, choose the most appropriate word that fits correctly in the given sentence. If none of the words fits correctly, choose option E 'none of these' as your answer.

1. Our team must ________ a ten-point deficit in order to come back and win the championship.
A. abridge
B. coordinate
C. tranquil
D. vanquish
E. None of these

2. Manufacturers are investing heavily in tablets because they believe the demand for tablets will soon ________ laptop demand.
A. supersede
B. restrict
C. constitute
D. enforce
E. None of these

3. It is illegal to _______ with the property of another person, such as painting a fence that is on their property.
A. modify
B. integrate
C. tamper
D. forecast
E. None of these

4. Because she is quite ________ about her wealthy family, she finds it difficult time getting people to like her.
A. benevolent
B. bumptious

C. generous
D. diffident
E. None of these

5. You can avoid getting sick so often by frequently washing your hands to eliminate ________ bacteria and viruses.
A. tactful
B. esteemed
C. innocuous
D. noxious
E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The given sentence is talking about overcoming ten points shortage in order to win the championship, so the word 'vanquish' fits correctly in the given sentence as it means 'to overcome or defeat thoroughly.' Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

2. Answer: A

The given sentence is talking about the demand of the laptops replacing the demand of the tablets. So, the word 'supersede' fits correctly in the given sentence as it means 'take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.'

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

3. Answer: C

The given sentence is talking about illegal activity such as interfering with the property of another person. So, the word 'tamper' fits correctly in the given sentence as it means 'interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

4. Answer: B

The given sentence says that the person has difficult time getting people like her, so we need a negative word in the given sentence. All other words except B give a positive meaning. The word 'bumptious' fits correctly in the given sentence as it means 'irritatingly selfassertive'. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

5. Answer: D

The given sentence is talking about eliminating harmful bacteria and viruses. So, the word ‘noxious’ fits correctly in the given sentence as it means ‘harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant’. Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 215

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given in which there are two blanks. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words that make the sentence meaningful. If none of the combinations is correct, choose option E as your answer.

1. The ________ rhetoric from both India and Pakistan has further ________ the political atmosphere.

A. virulent, soured
B. malicious, concealed
C. amicable, demonstrated
D. blameless, ameliorated
E. None of these

2. The minister's ________ tenor at recent public rallies and his threats to the opposition leaders of dire consequences are ________.

A. apathetic, beneficial
B. offensive, propitious
C. quarrelsome, appealing
D. aggressive, ominous
E. None of these

3. With _______ political issues, the role of the security establishment is likely to be strengthened, instead of being _______.

A. debatable, reinforced
B. unresolved, diminished
C. affirmed, intensified
D. faltering, fortified
E. None of these

4. There are two ______ to the danger that elephants must ______ with in South Bengal's Bankura district.

A. opportunities, content
B. facets, contend
C. issues, commit

D. controversies, control

E. None of these

5. Just as _______ of the creatures can scarcely be controlled to _______ their safety, so too have the power authorities in rural Bengal been negligent.

A. movement, ensure

B. poaching, enhance

C. securing, bolster

D. protecting, restrict

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The given sentence is talking about a bitter discussion that has worsened the political atmosphere. So, the words given in option A fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Virulent: bitterly hostile.

Soured: make or become unpleasant, acrimonious, or difficult.

2. Answer: D

The given sentence is talking about minister's threat to the opposition leaders. So, the words given in option D fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Aggressive: ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression.

Ominous: giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen; threateningly inauspicious.

3. Answer: B

The given sentence is talking about political issues and strengthening security establishment. So, the words given in option B fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Unresolved: (of a problem, question, or dispute) not resolved.

Diminished: make or become less.

4. Answer: B

The given sentence is talking about the two aspects of dangers that elephants have to face. So, the words given in option B fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

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Facets: a particular aspect or feature of something.

Contend: struggle to surmount (a difficulty).

5. Answer: A

The given sentence is about the movement of the creatures and assuring their safety. So, the words given in option A fit correctly in the given sentence as they mean:

Movement: an act of moving.

Ensure: make certain of obtaining or providing (something).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 216

Direction: In the following questions, a sentence consists of two blanks followed by four alternatives that represent the pair of words to be filled in the given sentence. Choose the most appropriate pair that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually meaningful. If none of the combinations fits correctly, choose option E as your answer.

1. India was left _______ by the plight of migrant workers walking hundreds of _______, facing hunger, exhaustion and violence, to get to the safety of their home villages.

A. shocked, kilometres

B. ample, desire

C. static, station

D. recent, certified

E. None of the above

2. The political crisis in Pakistan appears to prove the adage, _______ repeats itself. And this time, the beleaguered Pakistan Prime Minister, Imran Khan, is himself the main architect behind _______ Pakistan into its newest political problem.

A. tied, memo

B. history, plunging

C. disturb, crowd

D. cycle, coward

E. None of the above

3. Telangana is ______the first State in India to experiment with 'Twitter governance', a model of governance which uses the social media site for ______.

A. label, sanction

B. super, construction

C. perhaps, outreach

D. cater, performance

E. None of the above

4. In percentage, Turkey's yearly ______ which climbed to a new 20-year high and increased the cost of______, deepening the economic crisis for many households.

A. puzzle, living
B. debt, crust
C. demand, car
D. inflation, living
E. None of the above

5. The number of new districts ______ launched in Andhra Pradesh by the Chief Minister, taking the total number to 26. Each district will now have six to eight Assembly ______ except in one tribal district.

A. formally, segments
B. formation, school
C. inauguration, superior
D. industry, hinder
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The given sentence is talking about what makes India left shocked.

Thus, the words given in option "A" fit correctly in the given sentence.

Shocked: surprised or upset because something unexpected and usually unpleasant has happened.

Kilometres: a metric unit of length equal to 1000 meters.

2. Answer: B

The given sentence is talking about the political crisis in Pakistan. Imran Khan is himself the main architect behind plunging Pakistan into its newest political problem.

Thus, the words given in option "B" fit correctly in the given sentence.

History: events of the past and especially those relating to a particular place or subject.

Plunging: move or fall suddenly.

3. Answer: C

The given sentence is talking about Telangana which is perhaps the first State in India to experiment with 'Twitter governance'.

Thus, the words given in option "C" fit correctly in the given sentence.

Perhaps: possibly; maybe.

Outreach: the extent or length of reaching out.

4. Answer: D

The given sentence is talking about Turkey’s yearly inflation which climbed to a new 20-year high and increased the cost of living.

Thus, the words given in option “D” fit correctly in the given sentence.

Inflation: the rate of increase in prices over a given period of time.

Living(Cost): monetary cost of maintaining a particular standard of living.

5. Answer: A

The given sentence is talking about new districts formally launched in Andhra Pradesh by the Chief Minister, taking the total number to 26.

Thus, the words given in option “A” fit correctly in the given sentence.

Formally: something that happened before.

Segments: a section or part of something.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 217

Directions: The following questions have two blanks each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fit the context of the sentence

1. Economists cautioned that the rising economic uncertainty amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict could _________ the trade deficit further and widen current account deficit as international oil prices remain _________.

A. Decay, Sanguine
B. Degraded, volatile
C. Crumble, steady
D. Deteriorate, volatile
E. None of these

2. _________ images of migrant workers _________ out on national highways, their possessions bundled on their heads, children in tow, shook civil society and governments into action two summers ago.

A. Torment, spouting
B. Wrenching, pouring
C. Exquisite, come forth
D. Vehemently, emerge
E. None of these

3. Now with high global oil prices, a lot of India's economic vulnerabilities of broken supply chains, fractured labour markets and _______ trade performance are threatening to

____

A. Cloying, outbreak
B. Insipid, flare up
C. Stimulating, outbreak
D. Poignant, simmer down
E. None of these

4. Cricket's image as a "gentleman's game" took a beating when the match-fixing scandal _______ in 2000, leading to __________ among millions of fans and causing the game's integrity to be questioned.

A. Organized, enchantment

B. Tossed, sordid

C. Breakout, illusionment

D. Erupted, disillusionment

E. None of these

5. Although the Antarctic Treaty bans military activity and ________ for minerals on the continent, the eagerness to fund scientific expeditions to unearth what lies under the snow is not _________

A. Prospecting, innocuous

B. Traversing, harmful

C. Dowsing, harmful

D. Probing, obnoxious

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine could damage the trade deficit and widen the current account deficit as international oil prices are unstable.

Option (A) – both 'decay' and 'sanguine' do not support the context of the sentence

'Decay' – the state or process of rotting or decomposition

'Sanguine' – optimistic or positive

Option (B) – 'Degraded' is grammatically incorrect as the first blank is preceded by 'could' (modal verb),'could' is not followed by (V3), it should be 'degrade' as 'degraded' is incorrect.

For the second blank, 'volatile' is contextually and grammatically correct, the context talks about the uncertainty in oil prices.

'Degrade' – back down or deteriorate

'Volatile' – liable to change rapidly

Option (C) – 'crumble' may fill the first blank but 'steady' for the second blank is incorrect. According to the context, the international oil prices are unstable; it is not 'steady'.

'Crumble' – a process of deterioration

'Steady' – regular, even and continuous in development

In option (D) both 'Deteriorate' and 'volatile' are contextually and grammatically correct.

'Deteriorate' – to make inferior in quality or value

Hence, (D) is the right answer.

2. Answer: B

The context talks about the misery of migrant workers, that was the case two summers ago. Option (A) – 'Torment' is grammatically incorrect, we need an adjective to qualify the noun 'images. 'Torment' is a verb. For the second blank, 'spout' is the correct word as the blank is followed by the preposition 'out'. 'spout out' means - something that comes out very quickly with a lot of force. According to the context, it talks about the images where migrant workers come out on the national highway

'Torment' – cause to experience severe mental or physical suffering

Option (C) - 'exquisite' is opposite to the context of the sentence.

'Exquisite' - extremely beautiful and delicate

'Come forth' is not followed by the preposition

'out'. It means – to emerge or appear

Option (D) - 'Vehemently' is grammatically incorrect, 'vehemently' 'is an adverb and we need an adjective. 'Vehement' is the correct word. 'Emerge' may fill the second blank, but the option given for the first is incorrect.

'Vehement' – showing great force or energy

'Emerge' – to appear by coming out.

Option (B) – Both 'wrenching' and 'pouring' are contextually and grammatically correct.

'Wrenching' – extremely stressful

'Pouring out' – to freely express an emotion Hence, (B) is the right answer

3. Answer: B

The context of the sentence talks about the weaknesses in India's economy that can be increased due to some factors (that are discussed in the sentence)

Option (A) - 'Cloying' is out of context, which means – disgusting or distasteful by reason of excess; excessively sweet. 'Outbreak' supports the context of the sentence, but the given option for first blank is inappropriate.

'Outbreak' – a sudden occurrence of something unwelcome

Option (C) – 'Stimulating' is opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the vulnerabilities in different sectors of the Indian economy

‘Stimulating’ –encouraging or arousing interest or enthusiasm
‘Outbreak’ supports the context of the sentence
Option (D) – Both ‘poignant’ and ‘simmer down’ are out of context
‘Poignant’ – a sense of sadness or regret
‘Simmer down’ – to become calm or peaceful
Option (B) Both ‘insipid’ and ‘flare up’ support the context of the sentence
‘Insipid’ – lacking significant impact
‘Flare up’ – a sudden outburst of something
Hence, (B) is the right answer

4. Answer: D

The context of the sentence talks about the image of cricketers that got damaged when the match fixing scandal burst
Option (A) –Both ‘organized’ and ‘enchantment’ do not support the context of the sentence. For the first blank, match fixing scandal is not ‘organized, but it was burst in year 2000. For the second blank, match fixing scandal spread dissatisfaction among its millions of fans; it doesn’t lead to ‘enchantment’
‘Enchantment’ – a feeling of great pleasure; delight
Option (B) – Both ‘tossed’ and ‘sordid’ are out of context
‘Tossed’ – to throw with a quick light motion
‘Sordid’ – involving immortal or dishonest actions and motives
Option (C) - ‘breakout’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘illusionment’ is opposite to the context of the blank. According to the context, match fixing scandal breaks the illusion and leads to disillusionment/dissatisfaction among millions of fans
‘Break out’ – something that suddenly becomes well known
‘Illusionment’- an idea or belief that is not true
Option (D) – Both ‘erupted’ and ‘disillusionment’ support the context of the sentence
‘Erupted’ –to burst out suddenly
‘Disillusionment’- the condition of being dissatisfied or defeated in expectation or hope.

5. Answer: A

The context of the sentence talks about two situations, on one side, there is a treaty which bans military activity in Antarctica region, on the other side, there is an eagerness to see what lays under the snow, which is not safe.
Option (B) – both ‘traversing’ and ‘harmful’ do not support the context of the sentence

‘Traversing’ – to move or travel through an area

‘Harmful’ - the second blank is preceded by ‘not’ so we need a positive word to support the context Option (C) - ‘Dowsing’ supports the context, but option given for second blank ‘harmful’ is incorrect

‘Dowsing’ - the practice of prospecting for water or mineral by using diving rod

Option (D) – Both ‘probing’ and ‘obnoxious’ do not support the context of the sentence.

‘Probing’ – (used for investigation) intended to get information

‘Obnoxious’ – extremely unpleasant

Option (A) - ‘prospecting’ and ‘innocuous’ both are contextually and grammatically correct.

‘Prospecting’ – the activity of searching for valuable substances on or under the surface of earth

‘Innocuous’ – completely harmless

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 218

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a word omitted. Find the word from the options that fits in the blank and mark it as your answer. If none of the words fit in the blanks then mark option E as the answer.

1. The Delhi Transport Corporation's decision to discontinue its bus service for private schools in the city has caused ________ among parents, forcing them to make alternative arrangements for their children's transportation.

A. obfuscate
B. serenity
C. anxiety
D. importune
E. none of these

2. The Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movement ___________ Earth Day in the forest behind Suncity over the weekend with a cleanup drive in the neighborhood forest patch of Arvallis and meditation and quiz sessions.

A. depleted
B. connoted
C. reminisced
D. commemorated
E. none of these

3. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has promised support to debt-ridden Sri Lanka in its efforts to ________ the current economic crisis, and termed the initial discussions with the delegation led by the country's Finance Minister Ali Sabry "fruitful".

A. declined
B. mitigate
C. nettle
D. stimulate
E. none of these

4. Promising all _________ for the development of the Union Territory of Puducherry, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Centre would help it become the

BEST (Business, Education, Spiritual and Tourism hub) of the country.

A. constraint

B. palliation

C. assuage

D. fervour

E. none of these

5. The Punebased firm has written to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHF) that if these 10 crore free doses of Covishield are not taken by the Indian government timely, it will lead to ___________ of the lifesaving vaccines amid the pandemic outbreak.

A. exertion

B. eliciting

C. wastage

D. subverting

E. none of these

Solutions

1. Answer: C

anxiety

After reading this sentence, it can be identified that the Delhi Transport Corporation has discontinued its bus service for private schools in the city that has caused tensions and stress among parents and created a burden on them to make alternative arrangements for their children's transportation to reach school.

Here, we need a noun in the blank that signifies that the discontinuing of DTC buses for students has created worry for parents. The correct word is 'anxiety' both contextually and grammatically.

So, the answer will be option C. The meaning of other words is –

Serenity (n) – calmness, peace, cheerfulness

Obfuscate (v) – mystify, confuse, obscure

Importune (v) –supplicate, harass

2. Answer: D

commemorated

After reading this sentence, it can be identified that citizens celebrated Earth day executing the Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movement in the forest behind Suncity with a clean-up drive in the nearby forest patch of Arvallis and meditation and quiz sessions.

The sentence is in the past tense, so we need a verb in the past tense. ‘Depleted’ means to use up the supply or resources of something or drain out the resources. ‘Connoted’ means to imply or suggest an idea. ‘Reminisced’ means to remind or indulge in an enjoyable recollection of past events. The sentence is based on celebrating the day. So, these words are eliminated. Only ‘commemorated’ fits the blank both contextually and grammatically. So, the answer will be option D.

3. Answer: B

mitigate

After reading this sentence, it can be identified that the IMF has promised support for tackling the economic crisis in SriLanka and gave a positive response calling the discussions fruitful with the commission led by the SriLankan Finance Minister Ali Sabry.

Here, we need a verb in the blank in base form signifying that efforts will be done to diminish the crisis. ‘Declined’ is in past tense, thus, option A will be eliminated. ‘Nettle’ and ‘stimulate’ are contextually incorrect. ‘Mitigate’ is the correct word that fits the blank both contextually and grammatically, so, the answer will be option B.

Nettle (v) – irritate, annoy

Stimulate (v) – encourage, excite and provoke

4. Answer: B

palliation

After reading this sentence, it can be identified that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has promised to give all support and assistance for the development of the Union Territory of Puducherry and help it become the BEST (Business, Education, Spiritual and Tourism hub) of the country. Here, we need a noun in the blank. ‘Assuage’ is a verb and ‘constraint’ is opposite of support. In this way, options A & C are eliminated. ‘Fervour’ is contextually incorrect. Only ‘palliation’ is the correct word both contextually & grammatically.

So, the answer will be option B.

Palliation (n) – assistance, relief, support

Fervour (n) –intense and passionate feeling

5. Answer: C

wastage

After reading this sentence, it can be identified that the firm manufacturing Covishield has

written to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHF) that if these 10 crore free doses of Covishield are not taken by the Indian government timely, it will result into wastage or misuse of the lifesaving vaccines amid the pandemic outbreak.
Here, we need a noun that signifies what will happen if free doses of Covishield are not taken by the Indian government. ‘Exertion’ is contextually incorrect as it means the use of a lot of mental or physical effort. ‘Eliciting’ is also incorrect contextually and it means to obtain or draw out something. ‘Subverting’ is grammatically incorrect. Only ‘wastage’ is the correct word here. So, the answer will be option C.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 219

Direction : In the questions given here, a sentence is given with two blanks in it. Choose the correct pair of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence. If none of the combinations is correct, choose option E 'none of these' as your answer.

1) As the COP26 climate _____enters its second week, negotiations in Glasgow have hit a _______ phase.

a. summit
b. parlay
c. peak
d. critical
e. hazardous
f. precarious
A. a and d
B. b and f
C. c and e
D. a and f
E. none of these

2) India has had to walk a _______tightrope over Ukraine in the past few days as it tried to _______its ties with Moscow and the West.

a. tactful
b. diplomatic
c. political
d. balance
e. stable
f. equal
A. a and d
B. b and d
C. c and f
D. c and e
E. none of these.

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3) India has been under pressure to _______Russia’s i nvasion but has so far been _______to do so.

a. attack
b. praise
c. condemn
d. eager
e. reluctant
f. bashful
A. a & d
B. b & f
C. c & e
D. b & f
E. none of these

4) Record breaking _____floods declared disaster _____as rescue operation continues.

a. fatal
b. terminal
c. superficial
d. zone
e. tract
f. district
A. c & f
B. b & e
C. a & f
D. a & d
E. none of these

5) A 32-year-old Indian software engineer has become the latest _____in a spate of mob lynching, allegedly _____by child abduction rumours spreading over WhatsApp.

a. assailant
b. victim
c. prey
d. induced
e. spurred
f. impelled

A. a & d
B. b & e
C. c & f
D. a & f
E. none of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

The given context states that, as the climate meeting enters its second week, negotiations have hit a serious phase in Glasgow.

Combination of a and d are correct in this case.

Other words do not make any sense here.

Therefore, option A is correct.

2) Answer: B

The given context states that India has to maintain a political equilibrium between Moscow and the West over the invasion in Ukraine.

Combination of b and d are correct in this case.

Therefore, option B is correct.

3) Answer: C

The given context states that India is under pressure to criticise the Russian invasion but till now they have been unwilling to do so.

Combination c and e are correct in this case.

Therefore, option C is correct.

4) Answer: D

The given context states that record breaking deadly floods are declared disaster area as rescues continue. Combination of a and d are correct in this case.

Therefore, option D is correct.

5) Answer: B

The given context states that a 32-year-old man has become the latest casualty of mob lynching, prompted by child abduction rumours spread on WhatsApp. Combination of b and e are correct.

Therefore, option B is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 220

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks in it; these two blanks are followed by highlighted words. You have to identify that the given highlighted words are contextually or grammatically correct or not. If not, then choose the correct option from the following options. If no replacement is required, then mark (E) as your answer

1. Viewing the conflict as a member of the human species, I am horrified by the ___________ **(atrocious)** of the Russian military, its __________ **(salvation)** of the physical infrastructure of entire cities.

A. Barbaric, obliteration
B. Unpleasant, annihilation
C. Barbarism, obliteration
D. Brutality, liquidation
E. No replacement required

2. Divorce is taboo so women have to choose between whether they want to end a bad marriage and face extreme __________ **(acceptance)** and ___________ **(inclusion)** from the community or stay in the marriage

A. Avoidance, welcome
B. Ostracism, exclusion
C. Openness, approval
D. Concealment, exclusion
E. No replacement required

3. Ola is laying off up to 500 workers across divisions as it meant to reduce ___________ **(damages)** amid a difficult subsidizing climate and _________ **(honour)** in listing plans

A. Settlement, disobey
B. Expenditure, accede
C. Remittances, expedite
D. Expenses, defer
E. No replacement required

4. The decrease in smart phone demands following economic ___________ **(facilitation)** and regional uncertainty has ___________ **(succeeded)** the overall smart phone market supply chain

A. Headwinds, affected
B. Restraint, effected
C. Forwardness, resulted
D. Crosswind, affected
E. No replacement required

5. But in contrast to last year's rapid increase in demands, consumers' ___________ **(civil)** expenses have been affected by _________ **(gliding)** inflation this year

A. Levied, mount
B. Alternative, plummet
C. Discretionary, soaring
D. Eccentric, escalating
E. No replacement required

Solutions

1. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talked about the cruelty of Russian military and it's widespread destruction in entire City. So, we can say that both the blanks will be filled by a negative meaning word

'Atrocious' and 'salvation' both the options are incorrect. 'Atrocious' is an adjective, but we need a noun to fill the blank, 'atrocity' is the correct word. 'Salvation' is contextually incorrect; it is opposite to the context of the sentence.

'Atrocious' - extremely brutal or cruel

'Salvation' - something that prevents danger, loss or harm

Option (A) - 'barbaric' is grammatically incorrect, 'barbaric' is an adjective, but we need a noun to fill the blank. 'Obliteration' is grammatically and contextually correct. But 'barbaric' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Barbaric' - extremely cruel and unpleasant

'Obliteration' - to remove from existence; destroy utterly

Option (B) - 'unpleasant' is contextually incorrect.

The context of the sentence talks about destruction, it is not talking about uncomfortable or distressing things. 'Annihilation' supports the context of the second blank. But 'unpleasant' is incorrect for the first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Unpleasant' - causing discomfort and happiness; disagreeable

'Annihilation' - to destroy completely

Option (D) - 'brutality' supports the context of the first blank. 'Liquidation' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about the discharging of liabilities. So, this option is eliminated

'Brutality' - cruel or violent treatment or behaviour

'Liquidation' - the act of turning assets into cash

Option (C) - 'barbarism' and 'obliteration' both the options support the context of its respective blanks. So, this option is correct

'Barbarism' - extremely cruel

2. Answer: B

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that at the time of divorce women have to make a choice between to end bad marriage or face exclusion in society and exclusion from the community or to stay in the marriage

'Acceptance' and 'inclusion' both the options are incorrect. The options are opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the exclusion of women from the society.

'Inclusion' - the act of including

Option (A) - 'avoidance' supports the context of the sentence. 'Welcome' is opposite to the context of the sentence. So, this option is eliminated

'Avoidance' - the act of avoiding something or someone

Option (C) - 'openness' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about accessibility. 'Approval' is contextually incorrect. It is opposite to the context of the sentence. So, this option is eliminated

'Openness' - lack of restriction; accessibility

Option (D) - 'concealment' is contextually incorrect. It doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about to hide something. 'Exclusion' supports the context of the second blank. But 'concealment' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Concealment' - the action of hiding something

'Exclusion' - to prevent or restrict the entrance of

Option (B) - 'ostracism' and 'exclusion' support the context of it respective blanks. So, it is the correct option

'Ostracism' - exclusion, by general consent, from social acceptance

3. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that ola is discharging 500 of its worker to reduce its expenses, and also delaying its listing plans

'Damages' and 'honour' both the options are incorrect. It doesn't make any sense here. 'Damages' the context of the sentence is not talking about any kind of damage. 'Honour' doesn't make any sense here. Ola is not giving respect to listing plans. So, both the options are incorrect

'Honour' - high respect; great esteem

Option (A) - 'settlement' is out of context. The company is not trying to reduce its settlements, but it is trying to reduce its expenses. 'Disobey' doesn't make any sense here. So, this option is eliminated

'Settlement' - an official agreement intended to resolve a dispute of conflict

'Disobey' - fail to obey (rules, a command or someone in authority)

Option (B) - 'expenditure' supports the contact of the first blank. 'Accede' is opposite to the context of this sentence. The context of the sentence is not to accept listing plans. So, this option is eliminated

'Expenditure' - the action of pending funds

'Accede' - agree to a demand, request or treaty

Option (C) - 'remittances' doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about to reduce payments, but to reduce expenses of the company. 'Expedite' doesn't make any sense here. So, this option is eliminated

'Remittances' - a sum of money sent in payment or as a gift

'Expedite' - to speed up; quickly

Option (D) - 'expenses' and 'defer' both the options support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Expenses' - the cost of operations that a company incurs to generate revenue

'Defer' - to delay something; postpone

4. Answer: A

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that the decrease in demand of smart phones affect the economic growth and also affect the supply chain market of smart phones

'Facilitation' and 'succeeded' both the options are opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of both the blanks talks about the damage caused by the decrease in demand of smart phones. So, both the options are incorrect

'Facilitation' - to make easier; assistance

'Succeeded' - achieve the desired aim or result

Option (B) - 'restraint' supports the context of the sentence. 'Effected' is grammatically incorrect.

'Effect' is a noun and we need a verb to fill the blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Restraint' - the act of stopping or holding back

'Effected' - cause (something) to happen

Option (C) - 'forwardness' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about boldness. 'Resulted' is contextually in correct. The context of the sentence is not talking about the result of supply chain market of smart phone. So, this option is eliminated

'Forwardness' - over readiness to push oneself forward; boldness

Option (D) - 'crosswind' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about the direction of the Wind. 'Affected' supports the context of the second blank. But 'crosswind' is incorrect for first blank. So, this option is eliminated

'Crosswind' - a wind blowing across one's direction

Option (A) - 'headwinds' and 'affected' support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Headwinds' - conditions that impede or inhibit progress

'Affected' - influenced in a harmful way

5. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the comparison of last year's expenses of consumer to this year's expenses of consumer, where, last year the demand was high and this year it is affected by increased inflation

'Civil' and 'gliding' both the options doesn't make any sense here. 'Civil' is contextually incorrect.

The context of this sentence is not talking about societal expenses. 'Gliding' is also contextually incorrect. The context of the sentence is not talking about smooth movement of anything. So, both the options are incorrect

'Civil' - connected with the people who live in a country

'Gliding' - to move smoothly and effortlessly

Option (A) - 'levied' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about to impose or collect tax. 'Mount' is grammatically incorrect, we need an adjective to fill the blank 'mount' is a verb. So, this option is eliminated

'Levied' - impose (a tax, fee or fine)

'Mount' - to gradually increase or rise

Option (B) - 'alternative' is contextually incorrect.

It doesn't make any sense here. 'Plummet' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence talks about the increasing inflation. So, this option is eliminated

'Alternative' - available as another possibility or choice

'Plummet' - to fall very quickly and suddenly

Option (D) - 'eccentric' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is no talking about strange behaviour or appearance.

'Escalating' supports the context of the second blank. But 'eccentric' is incorrect for first blank.

So, this option is eliminated

'Eccentric' - a person who behaves in odd or unusual ways

'Escalating' - increasing rapidly

Option (C) - 'discretionary' and 'soaring' both the options support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Discretionary' - for any use or purpose of one chooses; optional, permissive

'Soaring' - increasing rapidly above the usual level

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 221

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank; you have to fill the blank with an appropriate word (s) from the given options

1. Given the changes ___________ by the pandemic, census figures have assumed greater importance.

a) Wrought
b) Carry out
c) Implemented
d) Directed
A. Both (a) and (b)
B. Both (b) and (c)
C. Both (c) and (d)
D. All (a), (b) and (d)
E. All (b), (c) and (d)

2. The ritual of hearing the program with __________ eyes was rarely ever religious.

a) Limpid
b) Bleary
c) Unfocused
d) Moist
A. Both (a) and (b)
B. Both (b) and (c)
C. Both (c) and (d)
D. All (a), (b) and (c)
E. All (b), (c) and (d)

3. When the line between home and work gets __________, it can lead to burnout

a) Sharpen
b) Blurred
c) Distinct
d) Hazy
A. Both (a) and (b)

B. Both (b) and (c)
C. Both (c) and (d)
D. Both (a) and (c)
E. Both (b) and (d)

4. With both Goswami and Raj retiring, the women's team will need to ________ for new talent.

a) Scout
b) Run down
c) Hunt
d) Follow

A. Both (a) and (b)
B. Both (b) and (c)
C. Both (c) and (d)
D. Both (a) and (c)
E. Both (b) and (d)

5. Online shopping addiction is not just _________ market gatherings but is also the most socially reinforced behavioural addiction

a) Trivialized
b) Belittled
c) Minimize
d) Venerated

A. Both (a) and (b)
B. Both (b) and (c)
C. Both (c) and (d)
D. Both (a) and (c)
E. Both (b) and (d)

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that the pandemic has brought some changes which has a great importance in census figures

Options (a), (b) and (d) 'wrought', 'carry out' and 'directed' all support the context of the sentence

‘Wrought’ – produce as a result

‘Carry out’ – perform a task

‘Directed’ – control the operation of something

Option (c) - ‘implement’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence. the context of the sentence is not talking about the implementation of changes that have been brought by the pandemic. So, the option is eliminated

‘Implemented’ – to put a plan or system into operation

2. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that the practice of hearing the program with dull eyes was never been the ritual

Option (b) and (c) ‘bleary’ and ‘unfocused’ support the context of the sentence

‘Bleary’ – looking or feeling dull; unfocused

‘Unfocused’ – not focused on a particular thing

Option (a) – ‘limpid’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence, ‘rarely’ shows that something is in practice that is never been a ritual. So, ‘limpid’ can’t be used here

‘Limpid’ – unclouded; clear

Option (d) – ‘moist’ doesn’t make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about watery eyes. So, the option is eliminated

‘Moist’ – slightly wet

3. Answer: E

The context of the sentence talks a burnout, when the line between home and work gets unclear

Option (b) and (d) ‘blurred’ and ‘hazy’ support the context of the sentence

‘Blurred’ – unable to see or be seen clearly

‘Hazy’ – confused or uncertain

Option (a) – ‘sharpen’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is not talking to improve the line between home and word. So, the option is eliminated

‘Sharpen’ – improve or cause to improve

Option (c) – ‘distinct’ doesn’t make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about to make any distinction between home and work. So, the option is eliminated

‘Distinct’ – clearly separate and different

4. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that as two players are retiring, the women team has to search for a new talent

Option (a) and (c) 'scout' and 'hunt' both support the context of the sentence

'Scout' – make a search for someone

'Hunt' – search determinedly for someone

Option (b) – 'run down' doesn't make any search here, the context of the sentence is not talking about to hit someone. So, the option is eliminated

'Run down' – hit a person to the ground

Option (d) – 'follow' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about to follow any new talent. So, the option is eliminated

5. Answer: A

The context of the sentence says that online shopping addiction not only minimize the market gatherings but also change the social behaviour of shopping

Options (a) and (c) 'trivialized' and 'belittled' support the context of the sentence

'Trivialized' – make (something) less important

'Belittled' – dismiss (something) as unimportant

Option (C) – 'minimize' is contextually correct but grammatically wrong, we need past participle to fill the blank, 'minimized' is the correct word. So, the option is eliminated

'Minimize' – reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree

Option (D) – 'venerated' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence not talking about respect or honour. So, the option is eliminated

'Venerated' – regard with great respect; revere

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 222

Directions: In each of the following questions a sentence is given with two blanks followed by pairs of words given in the options. You have to identify a suitable pair of words from the options to make the sentences grammatically and meaningfully correct.

1) For the rise in the US tax rates to _________, it requires other countries to reform their tax systems accordingly and, most importantly, allow for the taxation of incomes that are __________ to be under taxed.

A. explicit, received
B. pay off, perceived
C. pays off, taken
D. demand, alluded
E. debt, forgotten

2) Chelsea's decision emerged __________ protests by around 1,000 fans about the Super League and after their players had told the club's chairman, Bruce Buck, that they would not want to play in the Super League if they were ___________ from participating in international football.

A. around, force
B. middle, hinder
C. during, stop
D. Within, restrict
E. amid, banned

3) A lot of people _________ that insects, despite being pesky or _______, have an important role in our overall ecosystem.

A. defy, adorable
B. rebuff, argumentative
C. acknowledge, annoying
D. believe, pleasing
E. term, mean

4) The prevailing thought was the miasma theory, which _________ the cause was _________ and toxic mists and odors emanating from standing water and swamps.

A. stated, noxious
B. tells, curing
C. Reported, abstruse
D. ignored, wholesome
E. suggested, opulent

5) Chocolate could have more of a mass market __________ and also offer good returns but for the moment, he says that's not __________.

A. disapproval, feasible
B. appeal, viable
C. defame, plausible
D. acceptance, recursion
E. penchant, impossible

Solutions

1) Answer: B

The first blank will take the phrase 'pay off' (means (of a course of action) yield good results; succeed') and the second blank will take the word 'perceived' (means regard something in a particular way). Hence, option B is the right answer choice.

2) Answer: E

The first blank will take 'amid' (means in or into the middle of) as the former part of the sentence talks about the decision being made at the time when the protests were taking place. 'Banned' fits in the second blank as the latter part of the sentence as the helping verb 'were' takes a past participle after it i.e. 'banned'. Hence, option E is the right answer choice.

3) Answer: C

The sentence says that it is the opinion of a lot of people that insects though not liked by many, play an important role in the ecosystem. So, 'acknowledge' (means accept or admit the existence or truth of) fits in the first blank.

'Annoying' (means something that makes you feel angry or impatient) fits in the second blank. Hence, Option C is the right answer choice.

4) Answer: A

The sentence talks about the miasma theory and what does it say. So, ‘stated’ fits in the first blank. ‘Noxious’ (means physically harmful or destructive to living beings) fits in the second blank as the sentence talks about something which is toxic. Hence, Option A is the right answer choice.

5) Answer: B

The sentence talks about chocolates and how they give good returns in the market. So, the word ‘appeal’ (means to interest or attract someone) fits in the first blank. ‘Viable’ (means ‘capable of working successfully; feasible’) fits in the second blank as the use of the conjunction ‘but’ suggests that something contrary to the former part of the sentence has been discussed. Hence, Option D is the right answer choice.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 223

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks, which is followed by a word. You have to identify that the highlighted word is given is correct or not. If not, then choose the correct word from the given table. In 'Column I' options for first blank is given and in 'Column II' options for second blank is given.

1. How powerful an army really is, however, cannot be __________ (expose) by goosestepping on the Red Square, but on the __________ (Greenfield)

Column I	**Column II**
a) display	d) airfield
b) demonstrated	e) playfield
c) establish	f) battlefield

A. Only (a-e)
B. Only (b-d)
C. Only (c-f)
D. Only (b-f)
E. Only (c-e)

2. The Indian soldier has performed ___________ (reliable) against any adversary whenever and wherever he was ___________ (located).

Column I	**Column II**
a) reasonably	d) installed
b) persuasively	e) deployed
c) creditably	f) arranged

A. Only (a-e)
B. Only (b-f)
C. Only (c-d)
D. Only (a-f)
E. Only (c-e)

3. India still possesses a collection of __________ (modern) British laws which are more essential to __________ (achieve) than changing service customs and traditions.

Column I	**Column II**
a) archaic	d) discard
b) modernized	e) scrap
c) archive	f) fulfill

A. Only (a-d)

B. Only (b-f)

C. Only (c-e)

D. Only (a-f)

E. Only (b-d)

4. Personnel of the security forces have ___________ (segregate) off the bus stand and all vehicles are being checked thoroughly before allowing them to _________ (abandon) services

Column I	**Column II**
a) seal	d) resume
b) cordoned	e) suspend
c) encircle	f) revived

A. Only (a-f)

B. Only (b-d)

C. Only (c-e)

D. Only (a-d)

E. Only (c-f)

5. The __________ (soar) rise in dengue cases has prompted districts to set up dedicated control rooms to keep __________ (get clocked) vigil on the vector-borne disease

Column I	**Column II**
a) drop	d) round-the-clock
b) swoop	e) beat the clock
c) steep	f) clock watcher

A. Only (a-f)

B. Only (b-e)

C. Only (c-d)

D. Only (b-f)

E. Only (c-e)

Solutions

1. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that the power of Army cannot be seen on Red Square but on a Battlefield

Given options 'expose' and 'Greenfield' both do not support the context of the sentence 'Expose' - the context of the sentence is not talking about to expose anyone. So, this is an

incorrect option

'Expose' - reveal the truth

'Greenfield' - the context of the sentence says that the power of an army can be seen on the battlefield, not on the Greenfield

'Greenfield' - an undeveloped land

1st blank - option (a) 'display' is grammatically incorrect, the structure of the sentence is in

passive voice, the correct form is 'be + V3', 'displayed' is the correct word. So, this is an incorrect option

Option (c) 'establish' is both contextually and grammatically incorrect option. The context of the sentence is not talking about to establish anything. So, this is an incorrect option

'Establish' - set up on a firm or permanent basis

Option (b) - demonstrated is both contextually and grammatical a correct option

'Demonstrated' - clearly show the existence or truth of something

2nd blank - options (d) and (e) 'airfield' and 'playfield' both the options are incorrect. The context of the sentence talks about Battlefield, where the strength of an army can be seen. So, both the options (d) and (e) are eliminated

'Battlefield' - a piece of ground on which a battle is fought

'Airfield' - an area of land set aside for the takeoff, landing and maintenance of aircraft

'Playfield' - a playground for outdoor athletics

2. Answer: E

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the reliability of Indian soldiers whenever they are

deployed against any difficult situation

Given options 'reliable' and 'located' do not support the contact of this sentence

'Reliable' - it is grammatically incorrect. We need an adverb to qualify the verb 'performed',

'reliably' is the correct word. So, this is an incorrect option

'Reliable' - able to be trusted

'Located' - it is contextually in correct. Soldiers are 'deployed' against enemies; they are not

'located' against enemies. So, this is an incorrect option

1st blank - options (a) and (b) 'reasonably' 'persuasively' both the options do not support the context of this sentence.

Option (a) - the context of this sentence is not talking about fairness. So, this is an incorrect

option

'Reasonably' - in a sensible way

Option (b) - the context of this sentence is not talking about convincing anyone. So, this is an incorrect option

'Persuasively' - in a way that can persuade someone

Option (c) - 'creditably' supports the context of this sentence. So, this is a correct option

'Creditably' - deserving praise, trust or respect

2nd blank - options (d) and (f) 'installed' and 'arranged' both the options are incorrect.

Soldiers are deployed against the enemy, they are not an object that can be installed or
arranged. So, both the options are eliminated
'Installed' - place or fix (equipment or machinery) in position
'Arranged' - organized or put things in required order
Option (e) - 'deployed' supports the context of this sentence. So, this is a correct option
'Deployed' - move (troops or equipment) into position for military action

3. Answer: A

is the correct option
The context of the sentence says that rather than changing the service customs and traditions, India should eliminate old British laws
Given options ‘modern’ and ‘achieve’ both do not support the context of the sentence
‘Modern’ – is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence talks
about the old laws of British
'Achieve' - it doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking about any achievement. So, this is an incorrect option
1st blank - option (b) 'modernized' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence talks about the old laws of British. So, this is an incorrect option
'Modernized' - to make modern
Option (c) 'archive' doesn't make any sense here. The context of the sentence is not talking
about historical information. So, this is an incorrect option
'Archive' - a collection of historical records
Option (a) 'archaic' supports the context of the sentence. So, this is a correct option
'Archaic' - very old or old fashioned
2nd blank - option (f) 'fulfill' doesn't support the context of the sentence. The context of the

sentence is not talking about any kind of fulfillment. So, this is an incorrect option

Options (d) and (e) 'discard' and 'scrap' both support the context of the sentence. So, both the options are correct

'Discard' - get rid of something; throw away

'Scrap' - discard or remove something

4. Answer: B

is the correct option

The context of this sentence says that security personnel shut off the bus stand and checked all the vehicles thoroughly before allowing the service

Given options, 'segregate' and 'abandon' do not support the context of this sentence.

'Segregate' - the context of this sentence is not talking about separation of bus stand. So, this is an incorrect option

'Segregate' - set apart from the rest

'Abandon' - the context of this sentence is not talking about to stop the services, but check

vehicles before reviving the services. So, this is an incorrect option

'Abandon' - give up completely

1st blank - options (a) and (c) 'seal' and 'encircle' both the options are grammatically incorrect.

According to the rule, 'has/have + V3' is used.

So, both the options are eliminated

'Seal' - fasten or close securely

'Encircle' - to surround something

Option (b) - 'cordoned' supports the context of the sentence. So, this is a correct option

'Cordoned' - to block and area

2nd blank - option (e) - 'suspend' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is talking about to revive the services.

So, this is an incorrect option

'Suspend' - to stop something from being active

Option (f) - 'revived' is grammatically incorrect.

According to the rule, 'to + V1' is used. 'Revived' is an incorrect word. So, this is an incorrect

option

'Revived' - give new strength or energy

Option (d) - 'resume' supports the contacts of the sentence. So, this is a correct option

'Resume' - begin again

5. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that due to the increment in the dengue cases, the district has set up a dedicated control room to keep surveillance on Vector Borne Disease

Given options, 'soar' and 'get clocked' do not support the context of the sentence

'Soar' - 'soar rise' doesn't make any sense. 'Soar' itself means - rise high, using 'rise' with 'soar' is superfluous. So, this is an incorrect option 'Soar' - increase rapidly; rise high

'Get clocked' - it doesn't make any sense here, the context of this sentence is not talking about to hit anyone. So, this is an incorrect option

'Get clocked' - to strike someone very forcefully

1st blank - options (a) and (b) 'drop' and 'swoop' both do not support the context of the sentence.

The context the sentence talks about the increment in dengue cases, not about the downfall in dengue cases. So, both the options are eliminated

'Swoop' - move rapidly downward

Option (c) - 'steep' supports the context of the sentence. So, this is a correct option

'Steep' - rising or falling quickly

2nd blank - options (e) and (f) both the options do not support the context of this sentence. The context of the sentence talks about the thorough surveillance on Vector Borne Disease. So, both options are eliminated 'Beat the clock' - perform a task quickly

'Clock watcher' - to pay close attention to the passage of time

Option (d) - 'round the clock' supports the context of the sentence. So, this is a correct

Option 'Round the clock' - throughout the day and night

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 224

Directions:In each of the given questions, a sentence is given with a blank. Choose the most appropriate WORDS to fill in the given blank to make the sentence correct and meaningful.

1) There are a number of _________ which concern the validity of the assessment results.

a) limitations
b) caveats
c) warnings
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None a, b, and c

2) She's not intentionally unkind - she's just a little ___________ sometimes.

a) careful
b) thoughtless
c) incogitant
A) Only a and b
B) Only b and c
C) Only a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None a, b, and c

3) It lights up the righteous path without being ___________.

a) preachy
b) unethical
c) moralistic
A) Only a and b

B) Only b and c

C) Only a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None a, b, and c

4) She was ___________ to discover her mistake.

a) chagrined

b) disappointed

c) flourished

A) Only a and b

B) Only b and c

C) Only a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None a, b, and c

5) The watch mechanism is extremely _________ and very difficult to repair.

a) intricate

b) complicated

c) tough

A) Only a and b

B) Only b and c

C) Only a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None a, b, and c

Solutions

1. Answer: D

The given is talking about the warnings which related to the assessment results.

Caveats: a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

All the given words are synonyms of one another.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The sentence says that she is not unkind but sometimes she acts as a thoughtless person.

Incogitant: thoughtless.

Careful: (gives opposite meaning what sentence demands).

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: C

The sentence says that it indicates the right path without any advice.

Preachy: Adj: To give moral advice in a tedious or self-righteous way; moralistic.

Unethical: (opposite tone): not morally acceptable (contextually incorrect).

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

4) Answer: A

The sentence says that she was disappointed to find her mistakes.

Chagrined: feel distressed or humiliated; disappointed.

Flourished: doesn't fit contextually: to be strong and healthy; to develop in a successful way.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5) Answer: D

The sentence is talking about the toughness watch mechanism.

Intricate: having a lot of small parts that are arranged in a complicated or delicate way.

All the given words can fill the blank contextually.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 225

Directions: In each of the questions below two sentences are given with a blank in it. You have to fill the blank using the same word from the given options in both the sentences.

1. The march of science and technology ________________ with national goals and societal applications remains slow despite the swift adaptation and adoption of technology

a) Skedaddled
b) Rebuked
c) Concomitant
d) Obdurate
e) None of the above

2. Logic is often sacrificed at the altar of comedy and entertainment, but the problem with writer-director AbirSengupta's story is that it's highly __________________ and profoundly silly.

a) Pillage
b) Quiver
c) Preposterous
d) Rustic
e) None of the above

3. The stockholders agreed to let their company ____________ a part of its profits for reserve funds.

a) keep around
b) Keep back
c) keep away
d) lash down
e) None of the above

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4. "There should be no ________________ in the procurement of best quality' N-95 anti-pollution masks. Health of Dehliites during the critical season will be given priority," the sources quoted Kejriwal as directing Jain.

a) Compromise
b) Consideration
c) Fraudulent
d) Favor
e) None of the above

5. A Delhi Court on Tuesday refused to grant anticipatory bail to __________________ Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar in the murder case of a wrestler, saying that he is prima facie the main conspirator and allegations against him are serious in nature.

a) Famous
b) Absconding
c) Appeasing
d) Bedizen
e) None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Option c, Concomitant (something which is naturally associated with something) is the correct usage,
Obdurate (stubborn) Skedaddled (do something hurriedly) and Rebuked (criticized) are contextually incorrect

2. Answer: C

Option c, preposterous (foolish) is the correct usage and the hint can be drawn from the conjunction ‘and’, which takes similar parts of speech as well as meaning, so silly and preposterous are synonymous and hence the answer. Quiver (tremble) rustic (rural) and pillage (steal) are contextually incorrect.

3. Answer: B

Keep back - Maintain a safe distance

Keep around - Keep something near you

Keep away - Don’t allow someone near something

Lash down - Secure something with ropes or cords

Here keep back fits for the blank correctly

Hence option B is the answer.

4. Answer: A

option a,

compromise (to breach) is the correct answer option, all other options are incorrect.

5. Answer: B

option b, Absconding (to flee away secretly to avoid arrest), the usage of word ‘famous’ for a person in a negative context is incorrect, hence option b is apt,

the meaning of other words are Appeasing (to satisfy) Bedizen (to dress gaudily)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 226

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks, which is followed by two options. You have to choose from the given options which of the following word make the sentence meaningful.

1. While it is true that women’s lives are often tinged with violence, there is a fine line between _____________ (acknowledging (A),admit (B)) that reality and _____________ (drafting (A), depicting (B)) such horrors on screen in detail

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

2. A lot of people in this city also think highly of Ravana as a ___________ (literary (A), learned (B)) scholar whose skills far surpassed his cruel ___________ (array (A), disposition (B))

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

3. We experienced some of the __________ (brave (A), boldest(B)) and most beautiful cartoons during ____________ (turbulent (A),tranquil (B)) times of emergency

A. AA
B. AB
C. BB
D. BA
E. None of these

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4. Kolkata's cultural __________ (vibrancy (A), vibrant (B)), literary sensibility and cosmic vision had ___________ (cast (A), post (B)) a spell on him, and he remembered the city all along

A. AA

B. AB

C. BB

D. BA

E. None of these

5. The global aviation sector needs to get on a __________ (fallacious (A), sustainable (B)) flight path now because the climate crisis is not going _________ (away (A), into (B))

A. AA

B. AB

C. BB

D. BA

E. None of these

Solutions

1. Answer: B

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that as we know that women's lives are filled with difficulties, but still there is a fine line between admitting the reality and portraying that reality on the screen

1st blank - 'admit' is grammatically incorrect, the structure of the sentence is in present continuous tense, so the correct form is 'verb + ing', and 'admitting' is the correct word. So, 'admit' is incorrect here. 'Acknowledging' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

'Admit' – to agree that something is true

'Acknowledging' – accept or admit the existence or truth of something

2nd blank - 'drafting' is contextually incorrect.

The context of the sentence is not talking about enlisting anything. So 'drafting' is incorrect here.

'Depicting' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

'Drafting' – prepare a preliminary version of a document

'Depicting' – to represent or show something

2. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about Ravana, who is a scholar whose skills is under shadowed his cruel character

1st blank – ‘literary’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking his poetic or writing skills. Accordint to the context Ravana was a well informed person. So, ‘literary’ is incorrect here. ‘Learned’ is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

‘Literary’ – connected with writing, study or appreciation of literature

‘Learned’ – having acquired much knowledge through study

2nd blank – ‘array’ doesn’t make any sense here.

The context of the sentence is not talking about any kind of arrangement. So, ‘array’ is incorrect here. ‘Disposition’ is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

‘Array’ – an impressive display or range of a particular type of things

‘Disposition’ – a person’s inherent qualities of mind and character

3. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the times of emergency when the great and beautiful cartoons are experienced

1st blank - 'Brave' is grammatically incorrect. We need a superlative degree to fill the blank. 'Bravest' is the correct word. So, 'brave' is incorrect here. 'Boldest' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

'Brave' – ready to face and endure pain or danger

'Boldest' – showing a willingness to take risk; courageous

2nd blank - 'tranquil' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The time of emergency is not tranquil, but unstable. So, 'tranquil' is incorrect here. 'Turbulent' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

'Tranquil' – free from disturbance; calm

'Turbulent' – characterized by conflict, disorder or confusion

4. Answer: A

is the correct option

The context of the sentence describes the culture of Kolkata, which is still remembered by him

1st blank - 'vibrant' is grammatically incorrect, 'vibrant' is an adjective and we need a noun to fill the blank. So, 'vibrant' is incorrect here.

'Vibrancy' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

'Vibrant' – full of energy and life

'Vibrancy' – the state of being full of energy and life

2nd blank - 'post' is grammatically incorrect. The correct form is 'cast a spell'. So, 'post' is incorrect here. 'Cast' is a correct option

'Post' – display a notice in a public place

'Cast' – cause to appear on a surface

'Cast a spell' – have a strong emotional effect on someone

5. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that the Global aviation sector needs to maintain a flight path because climate change crisis is not going to disappear

1st blank - 'fallacious' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of this sentence talks about the maintenance of flight path. So, 'fallacious' is incorrect here.

'Sustainable' is contextually and grammatically correct. So, this is the correct option

‘Fallacious’ – based on a mistaken belief

‘Sustainable’ – able to be maintained at a certain rate or level

2nd blank - 'into' is incorrect here.

The context of the sentence talks about the disappearance of climate crisis. The correct phrase is 'going away'.

So, 'away' is the correct option.

‘Going away’ – to disappear or leave

‘Going into’ – start discussing a subject extensively

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 227

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks; the blanks are followed by the highlighted words. You have to identify the highlighted words are correct to fill the blank or not, if not, choose the correct pair of words from the given options.

1. Fashion Week organizers must put in place strict screening protocols and __________ (punishment) those ___________ (urging) hate

A. Punish, trading

B. Penalize, peddling

C. Reward, advocating

D. Favour, offering

E. No replacement required

2. All serious and ____________ (energize) members of the global community have a role and responsibility to __________ (call in) international terrorism

A. Diligent, call off

B. Outsourced, call about

C. Casual, call off

D. Conscientious, call out

E. No replacement required

3. Inflation has been on the rise ___________ (continuous) for the past several months and various reasons can be ___________ (sapped) to it.

A. Consistently, attributed

B. Unfailing, ascribe

C. Uniform, attributed

D. Constantly, drawn

E. No replacement required

4. Since the Covid-19 __________ (opening), female employment in India fell steeply and ___________ (nosedive) to 9 per cent in 2022

A. Outbreak, drop
B. Outbreak, plummeted
C. Beginning, tumbled
D. Outburst, drop
E. No replacement required

5. Humans’ __________ (fascination) with dogs, cats and other domesticated animals also reveal a/an __________ (innate) desire to achieve mastery over animals.

A. Obsession, inherent
B. Attraction, essential
C. Boredom, inborn
D. Repulsion, inherent
E. No replacement required

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that Fashion Week organizers must take strict action those who spread hate

Given options 'punishment' and 'urging' are incorrect, 'punishment' is grammatically incorrect, we need a verb to fill the blank, and ‘punishment’ is a noun. 'Urging' is contextually in correct, people do not urge for hate but they spread hate. So, both the options are eliminated

'Punishment' – an act of punishing someone

'Urging' – to encourage someone to do something

Option (A) - 'punish' supports the context of the blank, 'trading' is contextually in correct, 'trading' is done in physical goods or services. The option is eliminated because the given word for second blank is incorrect

'Punish' – to put a penalty on someone for doing wrong

'Trading' – the action or activity of buying or selling goods or services

Option (C) - 'reward' doesn't support context of the blank. The context of the blank is not talking about any kind of achievement. 'Advocating' supports the context of the blank. The option is eliminated because the given word for first blank is incorrect.

'Reward' – a recompense for worthy acts

'Advocating' – to publicly support or suggest an idea

Option (D) - 'favour' doesn't support the context of the blank, the context of the blank is not talking about any kind of kindness. 'Offering' is contextually in correct. According to the context of the blank people are not offering hate but they are spreading hate. The option is eliminated because both the given words do not support the context of the blank.

'Favour' – an act of kindness

'Offering' – present (something) for someone

Option (B) - 'penalize' and 'peddling' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Penalize' – subject to a penalty or punishment

'Peddling' – an action of promoting an idea

2. Answer: D

The context of the sentence talks about the role and responsibility of serious members of the community to criticize terrorism

Given options 'energize' and 'call in' are incorrect, 'energize' is grammatically incorrect, we need an adjective to fill the blank, but 'energize' is a verb. 'Call in' doesn't support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is not talking about any kind of aid. So, both the options are eliminated

'Energize' – to raise the energy level of something

'Call in' – to ask someone to come to help in a difficult situation

Option (A) – 'Diligent' supports the context of the sentence. 'Call off' doesn't support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is not talking about the cancelation of anything. The option is eliminated because the given word for second blank is incorrect

'Diligent' – having or showing care in one's duty or work

'Call off' – cancel an event or agreement

Option (B) – 'Outsourced' doesn't make any sense here; the context of the sentence is not talking about any kind of contract. 'Call about' is contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence is not about any phone call. So, both the options are eliminated

‘Outsourced’ – obtain (goods or services) by contract from an outside supplier

‘Call about’ – to call someone on telephone

Option (C) – ‘Casual’ is opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is about serious members. ‘Call off’ is incorrect as explained above

‘Casual’ – relaxed or unconcerned

Option (D) – ‘Conscientious’ and ‘call out’ both support the context of its respective blanks. So, these are the correct options

‘Conscientious’ – wishing to do one’s work or duty well

‘Call out’ – draw critical attention to someone’s unacceptable behaviour

3. Answer: A

The context of the sentence talks about the continuous rise in inflation, from with various reasons can be attributed

Given options 'continuous' and 'sapped' both are incorrect. 'Continuous' is an adjective, and we need an adverb to fill the blank. 'Sapped' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about to undermine anyone's power. So, both the options are eliminated

'Sapped' – gradually weaken or destroy a person’s strength or power

Option (B) - 'unfailing' is grammatically incorrect,

we need an adverb to fill the blank, 'unfailing' is an adjective. 'Ascribe' is grammatically incorrect, the correct form is 'can be + V3', 'ascribed' is the correct word. So, the option is eliminated

'Unfailing' – without an error or fault

'Ascribe' – regard something as being due to a cause

Option (C) - 'uniform' is grammatically incorrect, we need an adverb to fill the blank, but 'uniform' is an adjective. 'Attributed' supports the context of the blank. The option is eliminated because the given word for first blank is incorrect.

'Uniform' – the same; not varying or different in any way

'Attributed' – regard something as being caused by

Option (D) - 'constantly' supports the context of the blank. 'Drawn' is grammatically incorrect, it is followed by the preposition 'from'. The option is eliminated because the given word for second blank is incorrect.

'Constantly' – regularly or frequently

'Drawn' – come to or arrive at a point

Option (A) - 'consistently' and 'attributed' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Consistently' – in a way that doesn't change

4. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that because of covid-19 pandemic there is a huge fall in female employment

Given options 'opening' and 'nosedive' are incorrect. 'Opening' is contextually incorrect;

'opening' is not used for the occurrence of a disease. 'Nosedive' is grammatically incorrect; the context of the sentence is in past tense. So, the verb will be used according to the tense. So, both the options are eliminated

'Nosedive' – a sudden sharp drop or rapid decline

Option (A) - 'outbreak' supports the context of the bank. 'Drop' is grammatically incorrect; the sentence is in past tense. So, the verb will be used according to the tense. 'Dropped' is the correct word. The option is eliminated because

the word given for second blank is incorrect.

'Outbreak' – a sudden occurrence of something unwelcome (war, disease)

Option (C) - 'beginning' is contextually in correct, 'beginning' is not used for the occurrence of any disease. 'Tumbled' supports the context of the blank. The option is eliminated because the given word for first blank is incorrect.

'Tumbled' – fall suddenly

Option (D) - 'outburst' supports the context of the blank. 'Drop' is grammatically incorrect, for the same reason discussed above

'Outburst' – a sudden occurrence of a particular activity

Option (B) - 'outbreak' and 'plummeted' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Plummeted' – fall or drop straight down at high speed

5. Answer: E

The context of the sentence talks about the humans’ obsession for animals, which reveals the inherent quality of humans

Given options 'fascination' and 'innate' both support the context of the blank. So, 'no replacement required' is the correct answer.

'Fascination' – a feeling of intense interest in something

'Innate' – inborn; natural

Option (A) - 'obsession' and 'inherent' both support the context of the sentence. But when given words are correct, and then no need for replacement.

'Obsession' – something that you think all the time

'Inherent' – existing as a permanent or natural quality

Option (B) - 'attraction' supports the context of the blank. 'Essential' doesn't support the context of the blank, attraction for animals is inherent desire of humans, and it is not 'essential' desire.

So, the word given for second blank is incorrect

'Attraction' – a feeling of interest in someone or something

'Essential' – absolutely necessary

Option (C) - 'boredom' is opposite to the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence talked about the obsession of humans for animals. 'Inborn' supports the context of the second blank. So, the given word for first blank is incorrect.

'Boredom' – the state of feeling bored

'Inborn' – existing from the time someone is born

Option (D) - 'repulsion' is opposite to the context of the blank, according to the context humans do not dislike the animals, but they are obsessed for animals. 'Inherent' supports the context of the second blank. So, the given word for first blank is incorrect

'Repulsion' – a feeling of intense distaste or disgust

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 228

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a word omitted in it. You are required to find in which of the words given in options will fit aptly in order to make the sentence coherent and contextually correct.

1. The current rains in Delhi are not monsoon showers, which had _____________from the city on September 29 after depositing 516.9 mm of rainfall this year against a normal of 653.6 mm.

A. Perturbed

B. Convoluted

C. Preceded

D. Diverted

E. Receded

2. There is so much ___________ over burning and bursting of crackers during Diwali. As the arguments and counterarguments assume monstrous proportions, it is time to reflect and rethink.

A. Commotion

B. Brouhaha

C. Juxtapose

D. Both A&B

E. Both A&C

3. The Moon, a _________ world about 3,84,400 kilometres from Earth, somehow not only controls key development on the planet but has also made us all eternally enamoured by its bright appearance in the dark sky.

A. Cratered

B. Crating

C. Hollow

D. Both A&B

E. None of the above

4. Our third demand is that the video footage of the carnage must be looked into, and culprits should be arrested and charged under the ___________ Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), he said, adding, Al Qaeda and Isis are behind this.

A. Stringent
B. Stern
C. Rigorous
D. Rigid
E. All of the above

5. China has launched a new satellite to look at the sun in a new light and _______ the secrets of the star in our Solar System.

A. Tangle
B. Scramble
C. Unravel
D. All of the above
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: E

The correct answer is RECEDED as it means moved away or disappeared. In this question it is being said that the monsoon showers already moved away on September 29. Rest options make no sense here.

Convoluted means an argument

Perturbed means stressed

2. Answer: D

Both A&B are suitable for the blank space as both means noisy or overexcited reaction to something. In this question, burning of crackers during Diwali is a matter of arguments so these two suit here.

Juxtapose means to put two people or things close to each other.

3. Answer: A

Cratered means Having large bowl-shaped cavities in the surface suits here as the sentence should start with the appearance of the moon.

Crating means pack in a crate for transportation

Hollow means empty from inside.

4. Answer: E

All of the given options means “Strict”. So, option E is the correct answer.

5. Answer: C

Here, in this question China sent the satellite to look at the sunlight and to reveal the secrets of stars in our solar system. Unravel is the suitable option here as it means to become or make something clear and tangle and scramble are opposite of the Unravel.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 229

Directions: In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fit in the blanks

1) The team was in a _________ mood after their ________.
a) buoyant; triumph
b) jolly; win
c) squalor; victory
A) Both a and b
B) Both b and c
C) Both a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above

2) Many people switched __________ and _______ against the government.
a) allegation; voted
b) allegiance; voted
c) devotion; stood
A) Both a and b
B) Both b and c
C) Both a and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above

3) It was ________ to drive so fast in that ________ weather.
a) foolishness; abysmal
b) stupidity; bad
c) lunacy; terrible
A) Both a and b
B) Both b and c

C) Both a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None of the above

4) Her father plans to build an_______ at her grave, ___________ the dress and shoes she wore that July day.

a) altar; memorializing

b) alter; enshrining

c) altar; enshrining

A) Both a and b

B) Both b and c

C) Both a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None of the above

5) Gideon is in a bit of a _______ about what to wear for the interview.

a) dither

b) hesitate

c) weigh

A) Both a and b

B) Both b and c

C) Both a and c

D) All a, b, and c

E) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

The sentence is talking about the happiness of the team because of the win.

Words' meanings:

Buoyant; jolly: happy and confident.

Triumph: win; victory

Squalor: the state of being very dirty, untidy, or unpleasant. (Contextually incorrect).

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

The sentence is talking about the changing of people's beliefs about the government.

Words' meanings:

Allegiance: support for a leader, government, belief, etc; devotion.

Voted: to choose somebody for a particular position; stood.

Allegation: the act of joining or the condition of being joined to something. (Contextually incorrect).

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: D

The sentence says that fast driving in bad weather is stupidity.

Words' meanings:

Lunacy: very stupid behaviour; foolishness.

Abysmal: very bad; terrible.

All the given words are both grammatically and contextually fit in the given blanks.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: C

The sentence says that her father thinks about making a structure on her grave for preserving her memories.

Words' meaning:

Altar: a type of table used in religious ceremonies.

Memorializing; enshrining: to state formally in a special ceremony that a place or an object can be used for religious purposes

Alter: to make something different in some way, but without changing it completely; to become different (contextually incorrect)

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

5) Answer: A

The given sentence is talking about Gideon's hesitancy for the interview.

Words' meaning:

Dither: to be unable to decide something; to hesitate.

Weigh: to be of importance (contextually incorrect).

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 230

Directions: Given below is a sentence in each question in which one blank has been given. Select the option to fill the blank.

1. Discovered in India, fossils of feathered dinosaurs offer the most important evidence yet discovered of the close _________ relationship between dinosaurs and birds.

A. revolutionary
B. trivial
C. evolutionary
D. Importance
E. None of the above

2. In the 1950s, when Mother Theresawanted to form an orphanage with only three pounds and God behind her, her adversaries had scoffed at her, but in a span of 15 years, a _______ missionary will made her dream come true.

A. Scornful
B. Strict
C. dejected
D. resolute
E. None of the above

3. For hundreds of years, origami was just an art form, but with the _______ amount of technological advancement that has taken place over the last century, origami has become an application that may one day save lives.

A. Outstand
B. astounding
C. insufficient
D. Suffice
E. None of the above

4. Rather than ignore a company that seems about to fail, investment analysts should recognize that its reorganization and recent uptick in revenue, combined with its dynamic new leadership, indicate that the firm's prospects must be taken__________ .

A. diligent
B. seriously
C. easily
D. feebly
E. None of the above

5. The measurement of the Earth's atmospheric temperature over the past few decades indicates that global warming is continually increasing and that __________ climate changes may happen sooner than scientists earlier estimated.

A. Irreversible
B. reversible
C. abhorring
D. attractive
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Since we are talking about discovery of feathered dinosaurs and also the relationship between them and birds after the blank, evolutionary is correct with respect to the context of the sentence.

2. Answer: D

A, B and C all are negative in meaning. The sentence praises Mother Teresa here and therefore D is correct where resolute means determined.

Now, Just for keeping little knowledge:

When we have a series of events that occurred in the past and ended the past, the last of the events entails a simple past and the previous events, any number, one or more, will entail past perfect.

3. Answer: B

The blank needs an adjective and a word positive in meaning. B satisfies both.

4. Answer: B

The sentence says that instead of ignoring a company, analysts should recognize that prospects should be taken seriously. Therefore B is correct.

5. Answer: A

clearly the blank needs “irreversible” because it is talking about climate change and as per the context, the word is correct.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 231

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks in it. Choose the correct pair of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence. If none of the combinations is correct, choose option E 'none of these' as your answer.

1) Punjab's Congress CM Amarinder Singh has Navjot Singh Sidhu to ___________ with because dissenters convinced party leaderships that they can ___________ electoral chances.

a) contend
b) conduct
c) contempt
d) sabotage
e) concede
f) collapse
A. b and f
B. a and d
C. c and d
D. b-e and c-d
E. None of these

2) India's subsidized EVs should focus on competing with combustion engine vehicles, which have ___________ met ___________ tailpipe emission standards.

a) relatively
b) consistently
c) permanently
d) resolution
e) authoritarian
f) escalating
A. c and f

B. a and d
C. b and f
D. b-e and c-d
E. None of these

3) With Afghan President Ashraf Ghani stepping down and virtually ___________ control to the Taliban, the __________ made by Afghan civil society over the last two decades risks being wiped out.

a) thriving
b) renouncing
c) ceding
d) progress
e) development
f) resurgence

A. c and f
B. a and d
C. b and f
D. b-e and c-d
E. None of these

4) Despite India's massive economic growth between 2000 and 2020, CBI's manpower has only ___________ risen from 5,796 ____________ to 7,273.

a) significantly
b) enormously
c) marginally
d) workforce
e) organization
f) personnel

A. a and d
B. b and f
C. c and f
D. b-e and c-d
E. None of these

5) Chief Justice of India NV Ramana's________ over bills_______ passed in Parliament and assemblies without debate and discussion merits the considered attention of lawmakers.

a) grouse
b) contention
c) litigation
d) hurriedly
e) essentially
f) supremely
A. a and d
B. b and f
C. c and e
D. b-e and c-d
E. None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: B

Punjab's Congress CM Amarinder Singh has Navjot Singh Sidhu to contend with because dissenters convinced party leaderships that they can sabotage electoral chances.

Contend: compete with others in a struggle to achieve (something).

Sabotage: deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage.

Only option B is apt for the given blanks.

2) Answer: C

India's subsidized EVs should focus on competing with combustion engine vehicles, which have consistently met escalating tailpipe emission standards.

Constantly: continuously over a period of time; always.

Escalating: increasing rapidly.

Only option C is apt for the given blanks.

3) Answer: D

Ceding: give up (power or territory).

Progress: development towards an improved or more advanced condition.

Renouncing: formally declare one's abandonment of (a claim, right, or possession).

Development: a specified state of growth or advancement.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: C

Despite India's massive economic growth between 2000 and 2020, CBI's manpower has only marginally risen from 5,796 personnel to 7,273.

Marginally: to only a limited extent; slightly.

Personnel: people employed in an organization or engaged in an organized undertaking such as military service.

Only option C is apt for the given blanks.

5) Answer: A

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana'sgrouse over bills hurriedly passed in Parliament and assemblies without debate and discussion merits the considered attention of lawmakers.

Grouse: complain about something trivial; grumble.

Hurriedly: in a quick or rushed manner.

Only option A is apt for the given blanks.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 232

Directions: In each question given below, two statements with blank have been given in which a single word from the options needs to be filled. You are required to read the same carefully and choose the word that fits both the given sentences.

1)

The _______for the unfortunate phenomenon of governors versus chief ministers has to be shared by both sides.

To err is human. To _______ somebody else for your errors is even more human.

(a) Reason
(b) Tussle
(c) Consequences
(d) Blame
(e) Relationship

2)

Hate ______ violence and discrimination.

The legislators often cite studies indicating that exposure to inappropriate game content ______ players to act inappropriately in real life.

(a) Encourage
(b) Provoked
(c) Incites
(d) Dissuades
(e) Pleases

3)

The _______ climate action plan is still in its early stages but the next climate-induced disaster is not.

The mayor _______ a plan for a new bridge.

(a) Crafted
(b) Proposed

(c) Approval
(d) Renounced
(e) None of the above

4)

Force and front-facing confrontations are not the ______ anymore.
Women used to stay at home to take care of the children, but that is no longer the _______.

(a) Resolutions
(b) Standard
(c) Norm
(d) Benchmark
(e) Typical

5)

The world cannot afford the chaos and ________ in the UK any more.
This sector could be one of the few to see an upside from the current economic ________.

(a) Reliability
(b) Queries
(c) Uncertainty
(d) Confidence
(e) All of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

The first word fits in the first sentence but makes no sense in the second so it can be ruled out. The word tussle means a fight or a disagreement and it does not grammatically fit the second sentence. (c) is both grammatically and contextually incorrect in both the given sentences.
The word that makes correct sense in both the given sentences is hence, blame.
So, the correct answer is option (d).

2) Answer: C

We need a word that means encouraging or promoting something through actions or words. Also, we need a word to be in its first form and singular in both the blanks because in the first sentence, ‘hate’ is singular and in the second ‘content’ is also singular. This helps us eliminate words in the first and the second options.

The word dissuade means to discourage someone to do something. Pleases means requests. Both these words are irrelevant in the context.

The best word that fits both the sentences hence, is ‘incites’ and hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

3) Answer: B

The word proposed means suggested as a possible plan or action for people to consider. Crafted means making objects in a skilled manner. Renounced means given up. Approval means having a good or a positive opinion about someone or something.

The word that makes complete sense in both the sentences is proposed.

So, the best would be to mark option (b) as the answer.

4) Answer: C

The word norm means a situation or way of behaving that is usual or expected. It is a short way of saying ‘normal’

The other words are a misfit in the given sentences.

So, the correct answer is option (c).

5) Answer: C

The blank in the first sentence needs a word that resonates with ‘chaos’ so it cannot be a stable word. The second sentence also needs a word that means a situation of confusion. (a) and (d) are positive words that need to be eliminated. Queries does not fit the sentences contextually. So, the best would be to mark option (c) as the answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 233

Directions: The sentence given in each question carries two blanks which can be filled with the help of the pair of words given in the options. You must read the given sentences carefully and choose the most appropriate option as your answer.

1.The _________ intelligentsia wanted him to give reservations based on economic criteria but he remained __________.

A.Bigoted, liberal

B.Liberal, ambivalent

C.Intellectual, firm

D.Biased, amiable

E.Uncertain, sure

2.Corporate __________, like democracy, will always be a work in _________. There is no perfect state, but only an ideal one.

A. Control, advance

B. Initiative, chaos

C. Governance, progress

D. Law, command

E. Functionality, growth

3.It is in the ________ of the individual that the issue of impermanence _________ its most poignant shape.

A. Nation, discards

B. Realm, assumes

C. Kingdom, deduces

D. Effort, takes

E. None of these

4.__________ jaggery can be a _______ for those often complaining of throat infections or cough.

A. Incorporation, bane

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B. Taking, advantage
C. Drinking, cure
D. Absorption, curse
E. Consuming, boon

5.The art piece was made ________ materials like found wooden sculpture, _______ jewellery, waste acrylic sheets, metals scrap brass back, and scratchers.

A. for, antiquated
B. using, scrap
C. by, oxidised
D. with, waste
E. All of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The given sentence talks about 'intelligentsia' which indicate towards an intellectual group of people with an influence. Now, we can eliminate the third option as, intellectual in the first blank will only be a repetitive word which makes it a wrong choice. The second words in options (a) and (d) do not fit in the second blank so these can also be eliminated. The word uncertain cannot be used to define intelligentsia so (e) can be ruled out as well.

This makes option (b) the most logical choice for us as the answer.

2. Answer: C

The hint to solve this question is that we place progress in the second blank to complete the phrase, work-in-progress which means an unfinished project that is still being added to or developed.

Now, if we check further, adding the first word after corporate also makes a correct phrase, that is; corporate governance.

So, the best would be to go with option (c) as the answer.

3. Answer: B

The sentence states that the question of impermanence takes on its most dramatic form in the context of the individual. The first blank should therefore, take the word ‘realm’ because if we look at the options, the second blank can take words only from options (b) and (d) as the other words do not fit contextually.

Out of effort and realm, only realm fits the blank. So, the correct answer for the above should be option (b).

4. Answer: E

The only option which carries the most logical pair of words that meaningfully complete the sentence is the fifth one. It says that consumption of jaggery can be a blessing for people suffering from throat ailments.

The best would be to mark option (e) as the answer.

5. Answer: B

The sentence mentions the elements that were used to create the described art piece. All those elements are basic waste and scrap that has been used.

So, the best pair of words as per the context would be “using and scrap.”

So, option (b) is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 234

Directions: A word has been given at the top of the sentences. One or more of these sentences can be completed using the given word. You must read the same carefully and choose the option that carries the correct sentences as your answer.

1. Immoral

(I) It was indecent and ________ for the young teenagers to rob the vulnerable old lady crossing the street.

(II) If the panhandler hadn't been so _______, I might have given him a couple of bucks.

(III) It's politically ________ to stir up such controversy during an election year.

A. Only (i)

B. Both (i) and (ii)

C. Only (ii)

D. Both (ii) and (iii)

E. Only (iii)

2. Judicial

(I) This is a ________ matter and should be left to experts.

(II) Think hard and then take a _________ decision about your investment.

(III) At the time a ________ review was exploring the charitable status of independent schools.

A. Both (i) and (ii)

B. Only (ii)

C. Both (i) and (iii)

D. Only (i)

E. All (i), (ii) and (iii)

3. Lightning

(I) The _________ at the marriage party was impressive.

(II) He is _________ the burden by providing some monthly allowance.

(III) The _________ lit up the night sky like it was noon.

A. Only (i)

B. All (i), (ii) and (iii)

C. Only (ii)

D. Only (iii)

E. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Ghastly

(I) I was frightened by the __________ atmosphere of the palace.

(II) The badly maintained heritage hotel looked __________.

(III) Since my sister is known for her _________ meals, I always eat before going to her house.

A. Only (i)

B. Only (ii)

C. Both (i) and (iii)

D. Only (iii)

E. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. Honorary

(I) He is an ___________ surgeon at the hospital.

(II) Maya Angelou was awarded several __________ degrees by colleges as prestigious as Harvard.

(III) He is an __________ guest at the inauguration.

A. Only (i)

B. Both (i) and (ii)

C. Both (ii) and (iii)

D. Only (ii)

E. All (i), (ii) and (iii)

Solutions

1. Answer: A

The word immoral can rightly be used only in the first sentence as, it talks about an act of robbing an old lady which is not morally correct.

The second sentence should take the word impudent as it talks about a person who isn’t even worth receiving some money (for being disrespectful) so, immoral has nothing to do in this sentence.

The third sentence would rightly take the word imprudent because it talks about a certain act being unwise or illogical.

So, the best would be to mark option (a) as the answer.

2. Answer: C

The given sentences except the second one talk about legal issues so, the word judicial will fit well in these two. However, the second sentence talks about making a calculated decision about an investment which should take the word judicious.

So, the correct answer is option (c).

3. Answer: D

Of the given sentences, only the third one will take the given word. Lightning means the flash of light in the sky.

However, the first and the second sentences do not talk about the same. The first sentence discusses the illumination at a party which can be correctly defined by the word lighting. The second sentence talks about lessening the burden or making something light. This would be best understood through the word lightening.

This tells us that the correct answer would be option (d).

4. Answer: D

The first sentence will take the word ghostly which means ghost-like and frightening.

The second and the third sentences would take the word ghastly as the word is used to describe something that is horrible, shocking and indicative of death).

This makes the word fit for only the second and the third sentences.

Therefore, the correct answer is option (d).

5. Answer: B

Honorary means to serve without pay. The first sentence takes this meaning correctly. The second sentence takes another meaning of the same word which is ‘An honorary degree’being an academic degree for which a university (or other degree-awarding institution) has waived all of the usual requirements.

The third sentences will not take the word honorary because it simply needs a word that would define a guest who would come for inauguration. This guest will best be defined as honourable.

So, the correct answer is option (b).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 235

Directions:The given questions carry sentences with two blanks in them. Six words have been given below the same out of which two can fill the given blanks. You must choose the option that carries the correct pair of words as your answer.

1) Being part of the yatra is as simple as _______ up and walking along, which is what _______ people have been doing.

A. Crowding
B. Gathering
C. Turning
D.Number
E. Countless
F. Multiple

a) AB
b) BE
c) CE
d) DF
e) AD

2) Demonstrations were a _______ feature till elections were __________.

A. Normal
B. Common
C. Announced
D. Held
E. Regular
F. Polled

a) AE
b) DF
c) EB
d) EC

e) None

3) It is not the first time that someone has _________ the apex court with the _________ of growing cases of Hate Speech.

A. Grievance

B. Knocked

C. Addressed

D. Complaints

E. Approached

F. Summoned

a) FD

b) EA

c) BD

d) CF

e) Both (b) and (c)

4) Unless the issue of pay ________ is ________, there can never be gender equality.

A. Gap

B. Bias

C. Resolved

D. Dealt

E. Disparity

F. Sorted

a) AD

b) EC

c) BF

d) EB

e) AE

5) Bankruptcy is a __________ for Twitter if it does not start __________ more cash.

A. Hazard

B. Possibility

C. Likely

D. Cause

E. Bring

F. Generate

a) CF

b) AD

c) BF

d) DE

e) None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: C

To ‘turn up’ is to be present. This is the most logical completion for the first blank.

The second blank can take words in E and F.

We have one option that satisfies the requirements ie; option (c).

2) Answer: D

Demonstrations are common; can also be called as a ‘regular feature’

Only C and D can fit in the second blank in order for the sentence to make sense.

Out of all the possible combinations, we can find just one in the options that is given in (d).

3) Answer: E

The words addressed and summoned are contextually incorrect for the first blank.

The word knocked can refer to approaching or attracting attention which makes it one of the choices along with approached

The words grievance and complaints both are similar and can fit grammatically and contextually in the given blanks.

So, the best would be to mark an option with both the above combinations ie; (e).

4) Answer: B

The given sentence can be completed correctly by using the words in the combination EC. It talks about the discrimination in the payments between men and women.

The words gap and disparity can be used for the same.

The issue must be resolved which means “it should be solved.”This makes the best choice for the second blank.

The best would be to go with such a combination.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

5) Answer: C

The sentence talks about bankruptcy which means “a state of going cashless so much so that the company is not able to survive.” It is a possibility for Twitter as per the sentence. Likely could also have been correct but ‘a’ before the blank would make it incorrect.

Making money can be understood as ‘generating cash’

So, the best combination that completes the sentence can be found in option (c).

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 236

Given below are a few questions and each question having two statements with one blank in each, you have to choose an appropriate option which can fill the blank and makes the statement contextually and grammatically correct.

1.

a. As the world warms, marine heatwaves are ________to become more frequent, according to the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

b. Scientists say the Mediterranean could suffer at least one long-lasting, _______heatwave every year between now and 2100, according to 2019 research in the journal Climate Dynamics.

A. expected, non-effective
B. vulnerable, nonplus
C. prone, mild
D. expected, severe
E. None of the above

2.

a. Egypt has long been a source of _______for archaeologists across the world, for its wellpreserved remains of the dead mummies.

b. The Mysterious Lady is an ancient Egyptian woman, who was pregnant at the time of her death and her true identity has ______researchers for years.

A. Curiosity, baffled
B. Curiosity, perplexed
C. Curiosity, bewildered
D. All of the above
E. None of the above

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3.

a. WPI measures the average change in prices of goods at the wholesale level, and its data is ________by the Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

b. The base year for WPI is 2011-12, which _________the change in the price of goods only. In WPI, more weightage is given to manufactured goods.

A. created, takes into account
B. published, takes place
C. published, takes into effect
D. published, takes into account
E. None of the above

4.

a. The US Department of Treasury on Friday removed India along with Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its Currency Monitoring List of major trading partners that merit close _______to their currency practices and macroeconomic policies.

b. Major economies facing different _______may accordingly pursue different policies, which can be reflected in currency movements

A. ignorance, dedicated
B. attention, dedicated
C. attention, stresses
D. ignorance, stresses
E. None of the above

5.

a. Nasa has given a green signal for the third _______to launch the Artemis mission to the Moon.

b. Nasa wants to test all the systems before _______astronauts on board in 2024 for a trip around the moon.

A. attend, getting
B. attempt, getting
C. attend, putting
D. attempt, putting

E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: D

Exp- Here, expected will be used in first blank while in second severe will be used as in first sentence the outcome being expected and in second at least one long lasting severe heat wave could be suffered. So, option D is the correct answer.

2. Answer: D

Exp- Here, all of the above will be the answer. As baffled, perplexed and bewildered are all synonyms which means extremely confused or puzzled while curiosity means the urge to know about something.

3. Answer: D

Exp- Here, in the first blank published will be used as data is published by the office of Economic advisor and in next blank takes into account will be used as it means to think about or to consider because wpi consider the change in price of goods only. So, option D is the correct answer.

4. Answer: C

Exp- Here, in the first blank attention will be used as it means to focus as the US is focusing on some currency practices and macroeconomic policies of different countries. In second blank, stresses will be used as it is the only suitable word in the option which suites the situation. So, option C is the correct answer.

5. Answer: D

Exp- Here, in the first blank attempt will be used as it means a try to do something and in second blank putting will be used as astronauts will be put on board. So, option D is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 237

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Viruses can only survive and multiply in host cells and therefore, studying SARSCoV2 virus will require studying the host. As the viral genome takes the help of host machinery, understanding the host genome is __________ to studying both __________ and protection against the virus in a given population.

A. important, vulnerable

B. importance, susceptibility

C. unnecessary, Sensitive

D. paramount, susceptibility

E. paramount, susceptible

2. The locations of the North and South Poles change as the Earth's axis _________. Global warming and melting glaciers could have redistributed the global water fronts to such an extent that they have redefined the 'polar wander' or the _______ of the Earth's axis, finds a study published in Geophysical Research Letters.

A. Spinned, changing

B. Spins, grinding

C. Changes, circling

D. None of these

E. spins, drifting

3. Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on Saturday claimed another ___________ in their bid to end the worst clashes at their shared border in memory as several thousand Kyrgyz demonstrators _________ against what they called an invasion attempt by their Central Asian neighbour.

A. breakthrough, inclined

B. breakthrough, rallied

C. prize, stopped
D. loss, rallied
E. None of these

4. The World Health Organization has given the go-ahead for emergency use of Moderna's COVID19 vaccine. The mRNA vaccine from the U.S. manufacturer __________ joins vaccines from AstraZeneca, Pfi-BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson in receiving the WHO's ___________ emergency use listing.

A. readily, unapproved
B. slowly, hasten
C. Hastily, narrow
D. Desperately, inappropriate
E. None of the above

5. The Chief Election Commissioner of India has appealed to the Supreme Court against the oral comments _______ to the judges of the Madras High Court on the poll body and its officials_________ them as responsible for the surge in the COVID19 pandemic.

A. Suggested, highlighting
B. Rendered, degrading
C. designated, showing
D. attributed, portraying
E. given, showing

Solutions

1) Answer: D

The first blank needs an adjective and the second blank needs a noun. The passage tells us that as the viral genome will prey on a host, the host genome will be required to study. Also, after the blank the word protection has been used so therefore before the blank, susceptibility will logically fit meaning it is important to study to find a way to get protected as well as how likely are we vulnerable or susceptible to the virus. Therefore D is the correct choice.

2. Answer: E

Earth spins around its axis. Therefore Spins is the correct word for the first blank. Drifting is the correct word for the second blank which means moving place to place.

3. Answer: B

We never claim a loss. We claim a success and breakthrough means the same. Demonstrator will not stop and also stop is not used with against. Inclined is also irrelevant. Therefore, Rallied is correct and B is the correct choice.

4. Answer: E

None of the above..Nowords suits the blank.

5. Answer: D

The judges of Madras High court gave remarks or attributed some comments which were not accepted by the Chief Election Commissioner and therefore he appealed to the Supreme Court. Portraying means to show. Try to eliminate rest of the options.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 238

Directions: In each of the questions given below, two statements are given with one blank each, which must be filled in with the same word. Following the statements are five words. Choose the most appropriate word which could fill in both the blanks to make both the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

1.

(A) Over a period of time, I have found myself totally _______ and nobody ever thought of utilising my services for anything.

(B) Confectionery manufacturer Nestlé is proposing to make 45 staff at its Wiri factory ________ as it seeks to move production to its Allen's factory in Australia.

A) Covert
B) Dubious
C) Redundant
D) Viable
E) None of these.

2.

(A) Nearly 40 percent of the global workforce believe their job will be ____________ within 5 years due to accelerated automation in view of the pandemic.

(B) Power consumers have raised concerns about the continued use of __________ meters in their residences.

A) Fragile
B) Modest
C) Obsolete
D) Affluent
E) None of these.

3.

(A) If we don't have our best game, or the right precision or _________, we will have to win it with our hearts or our minds.

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(B) The actress knows how to pull off a gown as well as a baggy tracksuit with equal ___________.

A) Finesse

B) Authenticity

C) Fluke

D) Morbidity

E) None of these.

4.

(A) An Iranian woman who was accused of murdering her abusive husband was __________ by her own daughter.

(B) Our probe has confirmed that while Vaze was the mastermind, but the murder of Hiran was ________ by Shinde.

A) Halted

B) Mutilated

C) Executed

D) Receded

E) None of these.

5.

(A) Chief minister Sangma campaigned for ________ GHADC CEM Marak at Garobadha, Selsella and Kalchenpara.

(B) Ayesha Kidwai, professor at the Centre for Linguistics, said that no other __________ JNUSU president has ever contested in an Assembly or Lok Sabha election before.

A) Absorbent

B) Precarious

C) Incumbent

D) Exaggerated

E) None of these.

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘redundant’.

Covert- not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Dubious- hesitating or doubting.

Redundant- not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.

Viable- capable of working successfully; feasible.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

2. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘obsolete’.

Fragile- easily destroyed or threatened.

Modest- unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.

Obsolete- cause (a product or idea) to become obsolete by replacing it with something new.

Affluent- (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money/ wealthy.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

3. Answer: A

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘finesse’.

Finesse- bring about or deal with (something) by using great delicacy and skill.

Authenticity- the quality of being authentic.

Morbidity- the condition of being diseased.

Fluke- an unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer choice.

4. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘executed’.

Halted- bring or come to an abrupt stop.

Mutilated- to damage something severely, especially by violently removing a part.

Executed- put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect.

Receded- go or move back or further away from a previous position.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

5. Answer: C

The most suitable word to fill in the given blanks will be ‘incumbent’.

Absorbent- (of a material) able to soak up liquid easily.

Precarious- in a way that is uncertain or dependent on chance.

Incumbent- necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

Exaggerated- seeming larger, more important, better, or worse than it really is.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 239

Direction: In the questions given here, a sentence is given with two blanks. Choose the correct pain of words that fits correctly in the blanks and form a meaningful sentence, if none is correct, choose option (e).

1) To allow postal ballot use should be a good move for NRIs as this is a more _____way of registering mandates even if this does increase the burden on the embassy or _____ officials.

a) Staunch, consular
b) Predicament, silos
c) Tad, underpinning
d) Propagate, inclusive
e) None of these

2) India has the largest ____population and many of them leave the country and could miss out on ____some of their rights such as registering their vote in parliamentary elections.

a) Dogma, Coercion
b) Diaspora, exercising
c) Breached, cornerstone
d) Hostility, qualms
e) None of these

3) How to ____that all countries contribute to avoid the consequences of global warming without compromising on economic development, while accounting for their historical responsibility in ____the crisis.

a) Immutable, exigent
b) Percolated, judiciary
c) Ensure, exacerbating
d) Scavenge, Vendetta
e) None of these

4) The ‘implementation COP’, India has said, must set out a transparent payment system and ____how countries already ____under climate disasters can be compensated.

a) Run-Up To, impair
b) Doff, impartial
c) Underscored, cosset
d) spell out, reeling
e) None of these

5) In 2014, a committee constituted by the ECI to _____methods to enable overseas voters’ mandates concluded that _____voting was the most viable, though some political parties objected to the idea.

a) Probe, proxy
b) Din, elegy
c) Garrulous, edify
d) Ignoble, illiberality
e) None of these

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Staunch: trustworthy
Consular: envoy, ambassador

The line says that allowing postal ballot is a good step for NRIs, as this is a loyal process, even if this increases the workload upon the foreign ambassadors. We can also get a hint that there is a “or” before the last blank, so a similar word must come there, i.e., “consular” should be there.

Predicament: a difficult or unpleasant situation that is not easy to get out of.
Silos: a system, process, department, etc. that operates in isolation from others.
Tad: a little bit; a small amount.
Underpinning: a set of ideas, motives, or devices which justify or form the basis for something.
Propagate: to spread ideas, beliefs etc., to a lot of people

Inclusive: including all the services or items normally expected or required.

2) Answer: B

Diaspora: a group of people who spread from one original country to other countries

Exercising: make use of

The line says that in India, a large number of people are settling in other countries, who could miss using their rights properly, such as registering for their voting rights.

Dogma: a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true.

Coercion: oppression, harassment;

Breached: to break a law, promise, agreement, or relationship

Cornerstone: foundation, basis

Hostility: very strong feelings against somebody/something.

Qualms: uneasiness about the fitness of action.

3) Answer: C

Ensure: to make sure

Exacerbating: to make something worse, especially a disease or problem.

The line asks how to make sure that all the countries are contributing their part to avoid global warming, along with making sure that they repay for their past activities, which made the situation worse.

Immutable: Unchangeable

Exigent: Requiring immediate attention

Percolated: to spread gradually

Judiciary: the judicial authorities of a country

Scavenge: search for and collect from discarded waste.

Vendetta: a strong desire to harm a person or group,

4) Answer: D

Spell out: to clarify

Reeling: lose one's balance and stagger

The line says that India suggested that while implementing COP, the countries must make the payment system clear, and must clarify how the countries already in the vulnerable situation can be controlled.

Run-Up To: the period of time just before an important event.

Impair: Make worse, weaken

Doff: Take off (such as clothes), put aside

Impartial: Unbiased, fair

Cosset: Treat as a pet, pamper

Underscored: to emphasize the importance of something.

5) Answer: A

Proxy: the authority to represent someone else, especially in voting.

Probe: inquiry, examine

The line says that in a committee by ECI, the methods of overseas voters were examined and concluded that those who vote for someone else (for NRIs), was the most feasible method; but this method was objected to by some parties.

Din: Loud, confused noise

Elegy: Song or poem of sorrow

Garrulous: Talkative, wordy

Edify: Uplift, enlighten,

Ignoble: Not noble; having mean, base, low motives

Illiberality: Narrow-mindedness, bigotry

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 240

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks, which is followed by some options. You have to choose an appropriate pair of words, which can make the sentence meaningful

1. The Court held that the present minimum age of 18 is _____________ because it is _____________ with the country's Bill of Rights, which gives people a right to be free from age discrimination once they turn 16

A. Invidious, consistent
B. Distinction, inconsistent
C. Discriminatory, inconsistent
D. Biased, distinction
E. Equitable, inconsistent

2. Iranian players, as opposed to those who _________ symbolism with substance, took the call not to sing their national anthem in support of widespread protests back home against the violent __________ of women's rights

A. Amalgamate, vanquish
B. League, suppression
C. League, quash
D. Blend, vanquish
E. Conflate, Suppression

3. Economist Rohit Azad highlights how the prices of crude oil and inflation move together, such that the rising prices of the former ____________ a/an ___________ in the general cost of living.

A. Bring about, plunge
B. Precipitate, escalation
C. Rushed, hike
D. Precipitate, plunge
E. Instigation, jump

4. While the basket of goods bought in the household for daily ____________ shrinks in the face of increasing food prices, rising gas cylinder prices ____________ this situation.

A. Sustenance, aggravate

B. Aftercare, heighten

C. Subsistence, put out

D. Maintenance, alleviate

E. Affluence, put out

5. Dashu was a crazy schoolboy who could spoil a drama at a school function or __________ crackers in the classroom. His ______________ were always afraid of any mischief from him.

A. Put down, associates

B. Set out, naturalness

C. Set on, associates

D. Set off, acquaintances

E. Set out, closeness

Solutions

1. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that the present minimum age of 18 is unfair, because it is inconsistent with the country’s Bill of Rights, which gives people the right to be free once they turn 16.

Option (A) - 'invidious' support the context of the first blank, but ‘consistent’ doesn’t support the context of the second blnak, according to the context the country's bill of rights is inconsistent with rights a person gets when he turns 16; 'inconsistent' is incorrect here. So, both the options are incorrect

'Invidious' – unfairly discriminating; unfair

'Consistent' – not changing

Option (B) - 'inconsistent' is correct for second blank, but 'distinction' doesn't support the context of the first blank, according to the context the age 18 is not a distinction, the context of the sentence point out the age as biased. So, given word for first blank is incorrect

'Distinction' - the difference or contrast between similar things or people

'Inconsistent' – not compatible or keeping with

Option (D) - 'biased' supports the context of the first blank, but 'distinction' is incorrect for second blank, we need an adjective to fill the blank, and 'distinction' is a noun. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect

'Biased' – showing an unreasonable like or dislike for someone or something

'Distinction' – the difference or contrast between similar things or people

Option (E) - 'inconsistent' supports the context of the second blank, but 'equitable' is opposite to the context of the first blank, according to the context the age 18 is not equitable with country's bill of rights' age 16. So, the given word for first blank is incorrect

'Equitable' – fair and impartial

Option (C) - 'discriminatory' and 'Inconsistent' both support the context of its respective blanks.

So, this is the correct option

'Discriminatory' – capable of making distinctions

2. Answer: E

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that Iranian players apposed those, who mix their representation with destiny or body of others, and on that basis try to suppress the rights of the women.

Option (A) – ‘’amalgamate’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘vanquish’ is a verb, and we need a noun to fill the blank. So, given word for second blank is incorrect

‘Amalgamate’ – combine or unite to from a structure

‘Vanquish’ – defeat thoroughly

Option (B) – ‘suppression’ supports the context of the second blank, but ‘league’ doesn’t make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about the collection of people. So, the given word for first blank is incorrect

‘League’ - a collection of people, group that combine for mutual cooperation

‘Suppression’ – the act of keeping something from happening

Option (C) – both ‘league’ and ‘quash’ are incorrect here. ‘League’ doesn’t make any sense here; the context of the sentence is not talking

about the collection of people. And, ‘quash’ is a verb, we need a noun to fill the blank. So, both the given words are incorrect
‘Quash’ – reject as invalid; suppress
Option (D) – ‘blend’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘‘vanquish’ is a verb, and we need a noun to fill the blank. So, given word for second blank is incorrect
‘Blend’ – a mixture of different substances
Option (E) – both ‘conflate’ and ‘suppression’ support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option
‘Conflate’ – combine two or more separate things

3. Answer: B

is the correct option
The context of the sentence says that prices of crude oil and inflation move together, as when the price of crude oil increase it affects the general cost of living
Option (A) – ‘bring about’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘plunge’ is opposite to the context of the sentence, with the increase in the prices of crude oil, the general cost of living doesn’t fall, in fact the cost of living increase. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect
‘Bring about’ – cause something to happen
‘Plunge’ – to move or fall suddenly
Option (C) – ‘hike’ supports the context of the second blank, but ‘rushed’ doesn’t make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about speed. So, the given word of first blank is incorrect
‘Rushed’ – done or completed too hurriedly
‘Hike’ – a sharp increase
Option (D) – ‘precipitate’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘‘plunge’ is opposite to the context of the sentence, with the increase in the
prices of crude oil, the general cost of living doesn’t fall, in fact the cost of living increase. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect
‘Precipitate’ – cause to happen suddenly
Option (E) – ‘jump’ supports the context of the second blank, but ‘instigation’ is grammatically incorrect, we need a verb to fill the blank, and
‘instigation’ is a noun. So, the given word for first blank is incorrect
‘Instigation’ – the act of causing an event or situation to happen
Option (B) – ‘Precipitate’ and ‘escalation’ both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Escalation' – a rapid increase; a rise

4. Answer: A

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that with the rise in the prices of daily food items, rising the price of gas cylinder will make the situation worse.

Option (B) – 'heighten' supports the context of the second blank, but 'aftercare' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about a care or support for a patient.

So, the given word for first blank is incorrect.

'Aftercare' – care of patient after a stay in hospital

'Heighten' – make or become more intense

Option (C) – 'subsistence' supports the context of the first blank, but 'put out' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about light or fire. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect

'Subsistence' – the action or fact of maintaining or supporting oneself

'Put out' – extinguish something that is burning

Option (D) – 'maintenance' supports the context of the first blank, but 'alleviate' is opposite to the context of the second blank, according to the context the rising price of gas cylinder will not ease the situation. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect.

'Maintenance' – the process of keeping or continuing something

'Alleviate' – make a problem less severe

Option (E) – both 'affluence' and 'put out' doesn't support the context of its respective blanks. The context of the first blank is not talking about wealth, and 'put out' doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about light or fire. So, both the given words are incorrect

'Affluence' – the state of having a great deal of money

Option (A) – 'sustenance' and 'aggravate' both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

'Sustenance' – means of support for living

'Aggravate' – make a problem worse or serious

5. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that Dashu is a crazy boy who put crackers in the classroom and his colleagues always afraid from him because of any misbehaviour

Option (A) – ‘associates’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘put down’ doesn’t support the context of the first blank, the contest of the sentence is not talking about any kind of record.

So, the given option for first blank is incorrect

‘Put down’ – record something in written

‘Associates’ – someone who is closely connected

Option (B) – ‘Set out’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘naturalness’ doesn’t support the context of the second blank, the context of the second blank is not talking about his natural state, but its talks about his colleagues who afraid from his. So, the given option for second blank is incorrect

‘Set out’ – begin to do something

‘Naturalness’ – the quality or state of being natural

Option (C) – ‘associates’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘set on’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is not talking about any kind of attack.

So, the given word for second blank is incorrect.

‘Set on’ – attack someone violently

Option (E) - ‘Set out’ supports the context of the first blank, but ‘closeness’ doesn’t support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about his ‘closeness’, but his close contacts. So, the given word for second blank is incorrect

‘Closeness’ – the quality of affection in a relationship

Option (D) – ‘Set off’ and ‘acquaintances’ both support the context of its respective blanks. So, this is the correct option

‘Set off’ – cause someone to start doing Something

‘Acquaintances’ – a person who knows slightly, but not a close friend

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 241

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank, which is then followed by some options; choose the appropriate option to fill the blank.

1. Football lovers are ____________ one of the greatest ever upsets in the World Cup which saw Saudi Arabia end Argentina's unbeaten 36- game run

a. Lamenting
b. Regretted
c. Denouncing
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (a) and (c)

2. The Fifa World Cup 2022 seems to be full of controversies. Iran's players have _____________ from singing their national anthem in their opening match

a. Refrained
b. Abstained
c. Preferred
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

3. Several teams had planned to wear armbands in support of the LGBTQ+ community, but backed down after threats of serious _____________

a. Follow-ups
b. Repercussions
c. Resolution

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A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

4. We believe that such measures are needed now more than ever to ___________ this increase in cost and make flying viable for airlines and affordable for consumers

a. Set off
b. Set out
c. Offset
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (a) and (c)

5. Volodymyr Zelensky has accused Russia of committing "crimes against humanity" after a new barrage of missile strikes have caused widespread power ___________ across the wartorn nation

a. Outages
b. Failure
c. Outrage
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

Solutions

1. Answer: E

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the sadness of the football lovers because Argentina lose the game, so we can say that the football lovers are expressing their grief

Options (a) and (c) 'lamenting' and 'denouncing' support the context of the sentence

'Lamenting' – express grief about something

'Denouncing' – declare something to be wrong

Option (b) – 'Regretted' is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect, the structure of the sentence is in 'present continuous tense', so

'verb + ing' form will be used. 'Regretted' is incorrect here

'Regretted' – feel sad or disappointed

2. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the controversies that have taken place in FIFA World Cup 2022. So, we can say that controversies happened because the players of Iran denied singing their national anthem.

Option (a) and (b) 'refrained' and 'abstained' support the context of the sentence

'Refrained' – stop oneself from doing something

'Abstained' – to not do something

Option (c) – 'preferred' is both contextually and grammatically incorrect. The word 'prefer' if followed by preposition 'to' and it is also opposite to the context of the sentence. So, this is an incorrect option

'Preferred' – to like, choose, want one thing rather than other

3. Answer: B

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about a protest which is done by wearing armbands in support of LGBTQ + community, but the protest was withdrawn because of its after results Only option (b) 'repercussions' supports the context of the sentence

'Repercussions' – an unintended consequence of an event

Option (a) – 'follow-ups' doesn't support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the results of the protest, it is not talking about the investigation of the protest. So, this is an incorrect option

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'Follow- ups' – pursue or investigate further

Option (c) – 'resolution' doesn't make any sense here; the context of the sentence is not talking about resolutions. So, this is an incorrect option

'Resolution' – the act of solving a problem or finding a way to improve a situation

4. Answer: C

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about to balance the measures so that flying become more affordable and viable for consumers

Only option (c) 'offset' supports the context of the sentence

'Offset' – to balance one influence against on opposing influence

Both options (a) and (b) – 'set out' and 'set off' are contextually incorrect, the context of the sentence is not talking about any journey. So, both the options are incorrect

'Set out/ set off' – to begin a journey

5. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about a missile attack that has caused a widespread failure of power supply across the war-torn nation

Options (a) and (b) 'outages' and 'failure' both support the context of the sentence

'Outage' – a period when power supply is closed down

Option (c) – 'outrage' doesn't support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence is not talking about the anger of power supply, but its talks about the damage caused by the missile attack, through which the power supply of the nation was blacked out. So, this is an incorrect option

'Outrage' – an extremely strong reaction of anger

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 242

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank, which is followed by some options, you have to choose the appropriate option to fill the blank.

1. North Korea is currently testing missiles at an unusually high rate. Observers fear that Pyongyang's first nuclear test in years is ___________

a) Imminent
b) At hand
c) Remote
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

2. Like oil and water, science and religion are ___________ and belong to mutually exclusive domains without any interface

a) Immiscible
b) Miscible
c) Solvent
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (a) and (c)

3. Whether and how much we try to bring terrorism into the ____________ of the G20 agenda has to be seen and depends on developments on the ground

a) Rear
b) Forefront

c) Limelight

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Only (c)

D. Both (a) and (b)

E. Both (b) and (c)

4. During the counselling of these children, we came to know that a 12-year-old girl was ___________ by a person from her village and brought to Delhi a year ago

a) Abducted

b) Subjugated

c) Subdue

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Only (c)

D. Both (a) and (b)

E. Both (b) and (c)

5. Joblessness was high in July-September 2021 mainly due to the ___________ impact of Covid-related restrictions in the country

a) Tedious

b) Staggering

c) Exhilarating

A. Only (a)

B. Only (b)

C. Only (c)

D. Both (a) and (b)

E. Both (b) and (c)

Solutions

1. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the forthcoming danger of nuclear test conducting by North Korea

Options (a) and (b) 'Imminent' and 'at hand' support the context of the sentence

'Imminent' – about to happen

'At hand' – close by

Option (c) – 'remote' is opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the nearby forthcoming testing of 'nuclear missile'. So, this is an incorrect option

'Remote' – unlikely to occur

2. Answer: A

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that both 'oil and water' and 'science and religion' belong to different domains that they cannot be mixed in each other

Only option (a) 'immiscible' supports the context of the sentence

'Immiscible' – not forming a homogeneous mixture when mixed

Option (b) and (c) – 'miscible' and 'solvent' both are opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence says that 'science and religion' is like 'oil and water' that they cannot be mixed with each other. So, both the options are incorrect

'Miscible' – forming a homogeneous mixture when mixed together

'Solvent' – the liquid in which a solute is Dissolved

3. Answer: E

is the correct option

The context of the sentence says that making terrorism prominent in G20 agenda will not bring any result till the time developments on ground are not made

Option (b) and (c) 'forefront' and 'limelight' support the context of the sentence

'Forefront' – the leading and most important place

'Limelight' – the focus of public attention

Option (a) – 'rear' is opposite to the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talking about to put the terrorism in front in G20 agenda, not to put it in back. So, this is an incorrect option

'Rear' – at the back; end

4. Answer: D

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about a kidnapping of a 12-year-old girl, who is taken to Delhi a year ago.

Option (a) and (b) 'abducted' and 'subjugated' support the context of the sentence

'Abducted' – take (someone) illegally by force

'Subjugated' – bring under domination or control

Option (c) – 'subdue' is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect, the context of the sentence talks about an incident of a year ago, and so, 'simple present tense' will be used.

'Subdued' is the correct word. So, this is an incorrect option

'Subdue' – bring (a person) under control by force

5. Answer: B

is the correct option

The context of the sentence talks about the shocking impact of Covid restrictions, due to which joblessness was high in July-September 2021

Only option (b) 'staggering' supports the context of the sentence

'Staggering' – deeply shocking; astonishing

Option (a) – 'tedious' is opposite to the context of the sentence, according to the context the impact of Covid restrictions were not dull or slow, it was shocking. So, this is an incorrect option

'Tedious' – too slow or dull

Option (c) – 'exhilarating' doesn't support the context of the sentence, according to the context the impact of Covid restrictions didn't make the country happy. So, this is an incorrect option

'Exhilarating' – making one feel very happy

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 243

Directions: Given below is a sentence, in which two blanks have been given and in the options two words have been given. Select the option which can fill both the blanks.

1. The payment accepted is sufficient enough to cater to the ______________ expenses of IBPS, and it does not need to request ______________ from the government.
A. fine, permission
B. running, funding
C. loan, more
D. gradual, approval
E. regular, less

2. Exasperating facts, ______________ information, ______________ videos and photos are being made viral through various platforms.
A. upset, deformed
B. inaccurate, doctored
C. erroneous, illuminating
D. vague, personal
E. misleading, gaming

3. The fact that sin exists, and that great misery _______ from it, dawned gradually _______ her mind as she understood more and more clearly the lives and experiences of those around her.
A. Distracts, at
B. Regresses, in
C. Results, upon
D. Strives, Under
E. Degrades, Upon

4. Having _________ the soul from sin and obtained a detestation thereof, the second week treats of the kingdom of Christ, and is __________ to lead the soul to make an election of the service of God.
A. Suddenly, dunce

B. Smooth, excluded
C. Purified, meant
D. Brokenly, included
E. Seamlessly, Retinue

5. The spring-jack used was a form of switch with two contact springs which __________ against each other, one being connected to the subscriber's line wire and the other to the annunciator, which was also _______.

A. Wayfarer, owned
B. Withdrawn, Cadge
C. Collected, controlled
D. Get, constricted
E. Pressed, earthed

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The sentence tries to say that the payment accepted is high enough to cover the operating expenses of IBPS and it does not need to ask for money from the government. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "running" and "funding". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. Therefore, options A, C, D and E are eliminated.

2. Answer: B

The word “Exasperating” indicates that the adjectives filling both the blanks would be negative. Hence options A and D are eliminated. However, the words “illuminating" and “gaming” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence and are contextually incorrect. They cannot be placed in the second blank. This eliminates options C and E as well. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “doctored” which means ‘changed the content or appearance of (a document or picture) in order to deceive; falsified’.

3. Answer: C

The sentence tries to say that misery is a consequence of sin. Therefore, C is correct. The meaning of all other words are Regresses(to move backwards), Strives(to struggle), Degrades(to reduce in quality)

4. Answer: C

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We know that having follows a participle in –ed form. Therefore only correct option is C. The meaning of all other words are Seamlessly(without interruption), Retinue(entourage), dunce(stupid person)

5. Answer: E

No other word other than pressed can be followed by against. Therefore E is the correct option. The meaning of all other words are Wayfarer(travelling by foot) cadge(beg)

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 244

Directions: Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentences to make them meaningfully complete.

1) The new director has ___________ a series of changes against little opposition from the _________ staff.
a) presented; sluggish
b) produced; pyromania
c) introduced; supine
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

2) It was _________ that the police had ________ with the witnesses.
a) suspected; colluded
b) doubted; conspired
c) Jaded;bored
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

3)The newly _________ South American species would have been ________ smaller than today's emperor penguins.
a) elucidated; marginally
b) described; slightly
c) illustrated; vaguely
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c

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D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

4) With the economy in _________, it was not a __________ time to start a company.
a) recession; propitious
b) downturn; suitable
c) slump; fitting
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

5)Mr Musk has said Twitter has seen a ______ drop in revenue, blaming activists for _______ advertisers.
a) massive; pressuring
b) tremendous; bulldozing
c) significant; ditching
A) Only a and b
B) Only a and c
C) Only b and c
D) All a, b, and c
E) None of the above.

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The given sentence says that the new director comes with some new changes against inactive staff.
Meanings of words:
Supine: inactive, passive, or inert, especially from indolence or indifference; sluggish.
Introduced: to bring in something new; presented.
Arson: Noun: the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property; pyromania (out of context)
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

2) Answer: A

The sentence is talking about the police's secret corporation with the witnesses, which is illegal.

Words' meanings:

Suspected: doubt the genuineness or truth of.

Colluded: cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others; conspired.

Jaded: Adjective: tired and bored after doing the same thing for a long time without a break.

(Contextually incorrect)

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

3) Answer: D

The sentence compares new penguins with emperor penguins.

Words' meanings:

Elucidated: to make something clearer by explaining it; described; illustrated.

Vaguely: in a way that is not clear; slightly; marginally

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4) Answer: D

The sentence is talking about the slowdown in the economy.

Words' meanings:

Recession:A recession is a significant, widespread, and prolonged downturn in economic activity; slump

Propitious:favourable; likely to produce a successful result; suitable; fitting.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

5) Answer: A

The given sentence says that there has been a significant decrease in Twitter's revenue, the reason for which, as cited by Mr. Musk, are the activists that are forcing advertisers to act in a specific manner.

Words' meanings:

Massive: very large, tremendous; significant.

Pressuring: strongly persuading someone to do something they do not want to do; bulldozing.

Ditching: getting rid of something or someone that is no longer wanted.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 245

Directions: In the question below, a sentence has three blanks. Choose the correct order of the words to form a meaningful sentence.

1. We must realize that flying is no longer a ______________ , but an essential commodity today," says Kohli, adding that single way fare from Delhi to Mumbai being anywhere between Rs 20,000 and Rs 22,000 amounted to profiteering and such __________ need to be capped. The Mumbai-Delhi fare already ________ 20 to 25 per cent beginning February due to the closure of Chhattrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport for repairs.

a) Surged
b) Burden
c) Fares
d) Amount
e) Luxury
f) Increase

A. b-c-d
B. e-a-f
C. e-a-d
D. e-c-a
E. None of the above

2. Passengers say airlines are trying to minimize the _____________ by refunding the fare, _____________ them on other planes or suggesting alternative flights when the flight gets cancelled, but that's not enough. Reddy suggests India needs something ______________ of a 'code share agreement prevalent in Europe' that lets a passenger of a cancelled flight travel on another on the same ticket without paying extra.

a) Accommodating
b)Trouble
c) Putting
d) Equivalent
e) Suggesting

f) Inconvenience
A. b-c-e
B. b-e-f
C. f-a-d
D. f-c-b
E. None of the above

3. Politicians in Tamil Nadu have no ______________ in solving the deep ____________ surrounding Jayalalitha's Death, but they would want to keep the ____________to be able to maintain Jaya's vote bank intact.

a) Investigation
b) Mystery
c) Objection
d) Pot boiling
e) Interest
f) Trust
A. c-e-f
B. e-b-d
C. f-a-c
D. e-f-d
E. None of the above

4. Even so, India was acutely aware that with the rise of China, maintaining good relations with the US was ________________. When differences over trade threatened ______________relations with Trump, Modi and his foreign affairs team began to work on two fronts to _______________ him back.

a) Woo
b) Important
c) Imperative
d) Make
e) Introduce
f) Scupper
A. c-e-f
B. b-d-e
C. c-f-a
D. b-a-e
E. None of the above

5. Savarkar's definition solves the puzzle of why beef is ____________ in Goa and Meghalaya, while in the Hindi heartland, mere suspicion that there may be beef in your fridge is ____________ excuse for a ______________

a) Alright
b) Correct
c) Fair
d) Justice
e) Killing
f) Mob-lynching.
A. b-d-e
B. a-c-f
C. a-e-f
D. a-a-d
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: D

Luxury, fares, surged (increased) is the correct sequence contextually.

2. Answer: C

Inconvenience, accommodating, equivalent is the correct sequence contextually and grammatically.

3. Answer: B

Interest, Mystery, pot boiling(to make sure that process does not stop) is the correct sequence contextually and grammatically

4. Answer: C

Imperative (important), Scupper (destroy), Woo (persuade to gain someone's support) are the correct sequence and fit the blank perfectly.

5. Answer: B

Alright, fair, mob-lynching are the correct sequence of the words.

Single/Double Fillers Shot - 246

Directions: Given below is a sentence in each question in which one blank has been given. Select the option to fill the blank.

1. Discovered in India, fossils of feathered dinosaurs offer the most important evidence yet discovered of the close _________ relationship between dinosaurs and birds.
A. revolutionary
B. trivial
C. evolutionary
D. Importance
E. None of the above

2. In the 1950s, when Mother Theresawanted to form an orphanage with only three pounds and God behind her, her adversaries had scoffed at her, but in a span of 15 years, a _______ missionary will made her dream come true.
A. Scornful
B. Strict
C. dejected
D. resolute
E. None of the above

3. For hundreds of years, origami was just an art form, but with the _______ amount of technological advancement that has taken place over the last century, origami has become an application that may one day save lives.
A. Outstand
B. astounding
C. insufficient
D. Suffice
E. None of the above

4. Rather than ignore a company that seems about to fail, investment analysts should recognize that its reorganization and recent uptick in revenue, combined with its dynamic new leadership, indicate that the firm's prospects must be taken__________.

A. diligent
B. seriously
C. easily
D. feebly
E. None of the above

5. The measurement of the Earth's atmospheric temperature over the past few decadesindicates that global warming is continually increasing and that __________ climate changes may happen sooner than scientists earlier estimated.

A. Irreversible
B. reversible
C. abhorring
D. attractive
E. None of the above

Solutions

1. Answer: C

Since we are talking about discovery of feathered dinosaurs and also the relationship between them and birds after the blank, evolutionary is correct with respect to the context of the sentence.

2. Answer: D

A, B and C all are negative in meaning. The sentence praises Mother Teresa here and therefore D is correct where resolute means determined.

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3. Answer: B

The blank needs an adjective and a word positive in meaning. B satisfies both.

4. Answer: B

The sentence says that instead of ignoring a company, analysts should recognize that prospects should be taken seriously. Therefore B is correct.

5. Answer: A

clearly the blank needs "irreversible" because it is talking about climate change and as per the context, the word is correct.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 247

Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks which is followed by a table. In 'Column I' the probable options for the first blank are given and in 'Column II' the options for the second blank are given. You must mark the correct pair of words as your answer.

1. Expatriates who had gone abroad to do well and were doing well had no wish to be ___________ into India's ___________ abyss

Column I	Column II
a) dragged in	d) impoverished
b) dragged back	e) bankrupt
c) dragged up	f) destitute

A. only (a-f)
B. only (b-d)
C. only (c-e)
D. only (a-f)
E. only (c-d)

2. The gravity of climate change makes it __________ for developing countries to ___________ their limitations

Column I	Column II
a) optional	d) quash
b) crucial	e) overcome
c) imperative	f) overload

A. only (a-d)
B. only (b-f)
C. only (c-e)
D. only (a-e)
E. only (a-f)

3. Without advanced semiconductors, the American economy and defence production will ___________, its military and technological supremacy will be ___________ to the limit.

Column I	Column II
a) grind to a halt	d) stilted
b) grind its teeth	e) strained
c) grind its gears	f) pushed

A. only (a-d)
B. only (b-f)
C. only (c-e)
D. only (a-e)
E. only (c-d)

4. The ban on __________ of higher denomination Indian currency notes in Nepal has made carrying cash a ___________ and risky exercise

Column I	Column II
a) printing	d) efficient
b) circulation	e) cumbersome
c) minting	f) unhandy

A. only (a-f)
B. only (b-d)
C. only (c-e)
D. only (a-d)
E. only (b-e)

5. Patterns of thought emerging from a __________ mindset have become so deeply __________ that relationships have become mere Temporalities.

Column I	Column II
a) utilitarian	d) transient
b) decorative	e) established
c) working	f) ingrained

A. only (a-f)
B. only (b-d)
C. only (c-e)
D. only (b-f)
E. only (c-d)

Solutions

1. Answer: B

The context of the sentence says that the expatriates who had gone abroad didn't want to come back to India's poverty-stricken situation

1st blank - both the options (a) and (c) "dragged in" and "dragged up" do not support the context of the sentence. "Dragged in" means - to bring in, which is opposite to the context of the sentence. "Dragged up" means – deliberately mention an unwelcome or unpleasant fact, it does not make any sense here. So, both the options (a) and (c) are eliminated

Option (b) - "dragged back" supports the context of the sentence, which means - to pull something back

2nd blank - option (e) "bankrupt", does not make any sense here, which means – lawfully declare as unable to pay his debts, the context of the sentence is not talking about insolvency Both options (d) and (f) "impoverished" and "destitute" support the context of the sentence.

'Impoverished' - (of a person or area) made poor

'Destitute' - extremely poor Hence, the right pair of words is (b-d).

2. Answer: C

The context of the sentence says that the seriousness of Climate Change makes it important for developing countries to get over its limitations

1st blank - option (a) "optional" is opposite to the context of the sentence. According to the context, the seriousness of climate change is not optional for developing countries. So, option (a) is eliminated.

Both the words in (b) and (c) "crucial" and "imperative" support the context of the sentence.

'Crucial' - of great importance

'Imperative' - an essential for urgent thing

2nd blank – the word in (f) "overload" does not support the context of the sentence. The context of the sentence is not talking about burden of anything. So, this option is eliminated.

Both the words in (d) and (e) "quash" and "overcome" support the context of the sentence.

"Quash" - put an end to; suppress

"Overcome" - succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty

3. Answer: D

The context of the sentence says that without advanced semiconductor, the American economy will lose its momentum and be confined to a certain limit.

1st blank – phrases in (b) and (c), both the options do not support the context of the sentence. So, both the options are eliminated

'Grind its teeth' - sliding the teeth backward and forward

'Grind its gears' - to annoy or irritate one

Option (a) "grind to a halt" supports the context of the sentence, so, this is the correct option. 'Grind to a halt' - gradually slow down or lose momentum and then stop all together.

2nd blank – words in (d) and (f) "stilted" and "pushed" both options do not support the context of the sentence. "Stilted" means - stiff and selfconscious or unnatural, the context of the sentence is not talking about stiffness. "Pushed" means- to move forcefully, it doesn't make any sense here. So, both the options are eliminated

Option (e) "strained" supports the context of the sentence, which means - to confine in a limited space.

4. Answer: E

The context of the sentence talks about the ban on circulation of Indian currency in Nepal which made it difficult and risky exercise to carry cash

1st blank - options (a) and (c) "printing" and "minting" both the options are out of context, the context of the sentence talks about the circulation of Indian currency notes. So, both the options are eliminated

'Minting' - make a coin by Stamping metal

Option (b) "circulation" supports the context of the sentence

'Circulation' - the public availability of something

2nd blank – word in (d) "efficient" doesn't support the context of the sentence, the ban on the currency will not make carrying cash efficient.

So, the option is eliminated

Words (e) and (f) "cumbersome" and "unhandy" both support the context of the sentence

'Cumbersome' - large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry

'Unhandy' - not easy to handle or manage

5. Answer: A

The context of the sentence says that the pattern of thoughts emerging from the practical mindset that are deeply rooted make a relationship perpetual

1st blank – Words in (b) and (c) "decorative" and "working" do not make any sense here, so, both options are eliminated.

'Decorative' - serving to make something look more attractive

Option (a) "utilitarian" supports the context of the sentence, which means - useful and practical rather than attractive

2nd blank - option (d) "transient" doesn't make any sense here, the context of the sentence is not talking about impermanent things. So, the option is eliminated

Options (e) and (f) "established" and "ingrained" support the context of the sentence, the context of the sentence talks about the deeply rooted mindset.

'Ingrained' - firmly fixed or established; difficult to change

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 248

Directions: In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by numbers a), b), c), d) and e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. FCRA guidelines ________ that registered associations are required to submit an online annual report with ________ copies of income and expenditure statement, receipts and payment account, balance sheet among other documents for every financial year within nine months of the closure of the financial year.
A. Presume, Hundreds
B. Allow, Mutilated
C. Mandate, Scanned
D. Warned, Million
E. Haunted, Horrendous

2. The document is still a vague, open-ended mess that says very little while asking a ton of ____, giving the commission leeway to do moreor- less whatever it wants when the commenting ____ closes in a few months.
A. Questions, period
B. Comments, time
C. Money, window
D. Time, website
E. Questions, window

3. The Congress party seems to have ________ to the ________ to somehow keep the BJP out of power in Maharashtra.
A. Compared, Success
B. Replaced, Structure
C. Fallen, Failure
D. Reorganized, Victory
E. Succumbed, Temptation

4. If we study the lives of great men we are ____ that we too can achieve greatness and, when we die, leave behind our ______.

A. Convinced, children
B. Reminded, footmarks
C. Conveyed, followers
D. Commanded, belongings
E. Proclaimed, Memories

Solutions

1. Answer: C

The correct answer is C - Mandate, Scanned
Meaning: Presume - To believe something to be true based on its likeliness to something,
Mutilated - To injure or disfigure, Mandate -
Official Command, Horrendous – Extremely unpleasant or horrifying

2. Answer: A

‘Questions’ gives proper meaning to the sentence when put in the first blank and period refers to a length of time.

3. Answer: E

The correct answer is E - Succumbed, Temptation
Meaning: Succumbed - To accept defeat,
Temptation - The desire to do something

4. Answer: B

"Reminded, footmarks" is the correct use.
REMINDED: To take note of something.
FOOTMARK: Sign of presence.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 249

Directions: In the question given below, a sentence with two blanks has been given followed by options which contain pairs of words. One of these options might be appropriate in the context of the sentence. Choose the same as your answer.

1) In many places animals _______ have lived nearby and _________, easy to catch and kill.
a) May, thus
b) Will, hence
c) Should, however
d) Might, therefore
e) None of the above

2) One of the most ________ days of the year is completely ________ to the happiness and laughter of the children.
a) Treasured, stated
b) Favourite, devoted
c) Busy, defined
d) Ideal, restricted
e) Happy, confined

3) A _______ commented, “I love this Vande Bharat _________.”
a) Reader, patriotism
b) Troller, debacle
c) Netizen, initiative
d) Observer, train
e) None of the above

4) “Have _______ seen something like that,” she wrote ________ a picture of green sky.
a) Hardly, promoting
b) Never, sharing
c) Always, indicating
d) Often, targeting
e) Been, denoting

5) The prison, built in 1903, has an abandoned portion which is being prepared for "jail guests.

a) Alley, conserved
b) Underlying, preserved
c) Abandoned, prepared
d) Advanced, blocked
e) All of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: D

The given sentence should correctly take the words might and therefore for the sentence to makes sense. The sentence presents a possibility that animals (might) have lived in areas that would have made it easier to catch them and kill for food. This makes fourth one the most logical option. Therefore, the best would be to mark option (d) as the answer.

2) Answer: B

The words restricted and confined would be incorrect in the context of the sentence for the second blank. The word defined would be both grammatically and contextually incorrect. So, is the case with stated.

The word devoted is the best fit for the second blank. Favourite also makes complete sense in the first blank.

So, the best would be to mark option (b) as the answer.

3) Answer: C

The first blank can grammatically take all the words except the one in option (d) because for that, the blank should have been preceded by the article ‘an’

The words patriotism and debacle (a complete failure) do not fit the context of the sentence. The most logical option that would complete the sentence is (c).

4) Answer: B

The question becomes easy to crack with the help of the second word. The girl would share the picture more than any other word in the options. Also, the unusual ‘green sky’ is being mentioned which means “it is a rare happening.” So, words like always and often can be eliminated. Been would not be grammatically appropriate. Out of (a) and (b), (b) will make more sense in the given context.

Thus, the best would be to go with option (b).

5) Answer: C

The only word that fits the first blank correctly is abandoned because it should be an extra area which is not used by anyone so that it can be used for extra people. That area is prepared for the jail guests (which also hints that it should not be just a usual area)

So, the best would be to mark option (c) as the answer.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 250

Directions. In each question below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Six words are given after the paragraph. Choose the correct combination of words from the option, which can fit in the blanks both grammatically and meaningfully.

1. Scientists said that they have _____ in the harshly acidic clouds of Venus a gas called phosphine that indicates microbes may ____ Earth's inhospitable neighbour, a _____ sign of potential life beyond Earth.

a) inhabit
b) tantalizing
c) detected
d) yielded
e) mouldering
f) consolidate

A. cab
B. def
C. cbe
D. dea
E. acd

2. Turkish President Recap Tayyip Erdogan _____ an _____ 10 year space program for his country that includes missions to the moon, sending Turkish astronauts into space, and developing internationally ____ satellite systems.

a) Unveiled
b) Ambitious
c) Fiddle
d) Viable
e) Exonerate
f) Volatile

A. cdf
B. bde
C. abd
D. dcb

E. afe

3. India's Union Health Minister has _____ the doctors and scientists for their ______ work with vaccine development. He then went on to spread the good news that the vaccine will be available to everyone in a few days. The plan is to provide healthcare workers with the first batch of the vaccines. Since their work has been _____ in the chaotic year that was 2020.

a) Amazing
b) Appreciated
c) Deft
d) Succour
e) Priceless
f) Disclose

A. fec
B. bae
C. afd
D. ced
E. dcb

4. Environmental Pollution ______ global warming day by day, so the ice in Antarctica is melting, and the harmful gases are also _____ and destroying the whole earth. The animals have endangered and the plants are also dying, the cutting of trees is another reason for the pollution. More and more trees should be grown to _____ the beauty of earth.

a) Unravel
b) Legitimate
c) Spark
d) Increases
e) Emitting
f) Enhance

A. acd
B. bdf
C. fab
D. def
E. cfe

5. Reducing emissions from cars and planes and factories leads to _____ air while slowing global warming trends. Reining in industrial agriculture prevents soil depletion, increasing resilience to floods. Preserving forests by curbing the _____ of cities and controlling logging and mining operations protects vital _____ of carbon, keeps watersheds from being polluted and limits the risk of human wildlife contact that leads to zoonotic diseases such as COVID-19.

a) Expansion
b) Banal
c) Crucial
d) Cleaner
e) Deign
f) Repositories

A. aef
B. fbc
C. dba
D. edb
E. daf

Solutions

1. Answer: A

Inhabit (v): live in or occupy
Tantalizing (adj): torment or tease with the sight or promise something is unobtainable
Detected (v): Discover or identify
Yielded (v): produce or provide
Mouldering (v): slowly decay
Consolidate (v): strengthen, secure, and stabilize

In the first blank there is a need of verb in the third form so ‘detected’ is the apt word for the blank.

In the second blank there is a need of main verb in the base form because there is a modal verb so ‘inhabit’ is the right word here.

In the third blank there is a need of adjective plus present participle for the noun ‘sign’ so here ‘tantalizing’ is the appropriate word. So option A is the right answer.

2. Answer: C

Unveiled (v): show or announce publicly for the first time
Ambitious (adj): having or showing ambition, having a desire to be successful or powerful

Viable (adj): capable of working successfully, feasible
Fiddle (n): an act of fraud or cheating
Exonerate (v): officially absolve from the blame
Volatile (adj): unpredictable, changeable

In the first blank we need a verb for the subject 'Tayyip Erdogan' which is a proper noun, so there are two words given in the options, 'exonerate' is incorrect as it is in plural form, so the appropriate word will be unveiled.

In the second blank we need an adjective that has a vowel sound to qualify the article 'an'. So ambitious is the right word for it.

In the third blank we need an adjective for the noun phrase 'satellite systems', so there is only one option left, Viable. So option C is the right answer.

3. Answer: B

Amazing (adj): startlingly impressive
Appreciated (v): recognize the full worth of, be grateful for something.
Deft (adj): skilful, adept, expert
Succour (v): to help, assist
Priceless (adj): so precious that its value cannot be determined.
Disclose (v): to reveal, divulge, tell

"Appreciated" is a verb used to describe the act of being grateful to someone or something.

'Doctors and scientists' are the major contributors to the development of any kind of medicine or vaccine and they should be thanked for the same. So it is correct word according to grammar as has + v3 is required and to show the gratefulness so it is the correct word for the first blank.

'Amazing' is an adjective used to describe something that is really good and impressive.

The development of the vaccine for a completely new disease would be a great achievement. So it is the correct word for the second blank.

'Priceless' is used to refer to something so precious whose price can't be determined.

'Healthcare Workers' were very brave in 2020 as they helped thousands of people in terms of fighting the COVID virus, their work cannot be valued. So it is an apt word for the third blank.

So option B is the right answer.

4. Answer: D

Increases (v): become or make greater in

size, amount or degree⍰ Legitimate (adj): Valid, admissible
Spark (v): cause, reason, give rise to
Unravel (v): solve, work out
Emitting (v): produce and discharge (something specially gas or radiation)
Enhance (v): to improve the quality, amount or strength of something

The first blank should be filled with the word increases as the blank is preceded by the singular noun pollution so singular verb should follow it.

The second blank should be filled by emitting as the sentence is in present continuous tense so only option fits here is emitting.

The third blank should be filled in the blank is enhance as the blank preceded by the preposition to which is used here as a part of infinitive form and hence should be followed by the base form of verb.

5. Answer: E

Banal (adj): lacking in originality.
Crucial (adj): important
Deign (v): to do something that one considers beneath one’s dignity.
Expansion (n): the action of becoming larger or more extensive
Repositories (n):
1. A place where something especially a natural resource is found in significant quantities.
2. A place where things are stored and can be found.

In the First Blank we need an adjective to modify the noun Air. The sentence talks about how reducing emissions leads to fall in air pollution. So cleaner will fit here contextually. In the second blank we need a noun to be modified by definite article THE. The sentence talks about checking the growth of cities. In the third blank we need a noun to be modified by the adjective Vital. The sentence talks about important stores of carbon in nature. So option E is the correct answer.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 251

Directions: In each of the questions given below, a sentence/ paragraph has been given with two blanks. Each question is then followed by a group of words. Identify the most suitable set of words to fill in the given blank in the similar sequence as given in the options.

1. The U.S. and the European Union have reacted with justified ___________ at the diversion of Ryanair Flight 4978 to deliver a dissident journalist to the security services of Belarusian dictator Alexander Lukashenko. But a similar action in Rwanda has resulted in nothing but __________ silence from the Trump and Biden administrations.

(i) outrage
(ii) competence
(iii) contingent
(iv) disgraceful
(v) affinity
(vi) superfluous
A. (ii), (v)
B. (v), (iii)
C. (i), (iv)
D. (ii), (iv)
E. (iii), (vi)

2) The best political speech in many years was not delivered. Instead, incoming Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid set it aside and _______ members of Benjamin Netanyahu's departing coalition for their nonstop ___________ of incoming Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, which was outrageous even by the standards of the Knesset.

(i) overwhelming
(ii) reprimanded
(iii) contemplating
(iv) reconciled
(v) heckling
(vi) intimidated

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A. (ii), (v)
B. (v), (iii)
C. (i), (iv)
D. (ii), (iv)
E. (iii), (vi)

3) Behaving differently begins by treating opponents with respect, even if they don't immediately ____________. It means looking for ways to fix problems, not blame others for them. It means focusing on areas of agreement, not ____________. Mr. Lapid ticked off a long list including education, healthcare, aid for small business, maintaining a strong defense and fighting government corruption.

(i) malaise
(ii) retract
(iii) reciprocate
(iv) suffice
(v) cellar
(vi) discord

A. (ii), (v)
B. (v), (iii)
C. (i), (iv)
D. (ii), (iv)
E. (iii), (vi)

4) Mr. Lobrano's beautiful memoir, "My Place at the Table," reads like a novel, the story ___________ with the author's adventures as a gay man and an outsider, haunted by a childhood secret he reveals only toward the end. He is a poetic writer about food, whether he's describing his first taste of an apricot soufflé or his __________ enthusiasm for Chef Boyardee.

(i) retrieved
(ii) mulled
(iii) boyhood
(iv) jargon
(v) threaded
(vi) bonhomie

A. (ii), (v)
B. (v), (iii)
C. (i), (iv)

D. (ii), (iv)
E. (iii), (vi)

5) Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal faced each other in the 2012 Australian Open final. The almost six-hour-long battle of _____________ where Djokovic eventually triumphed by the barest of margins is widely considered to be the greatest match of the Open Era. Both were the top ranked players in the world at the time and the sheer quality of tennis on exhibition that day marks the match as the highest point in one of the greatest sporting ___________ ever.

(i) extremism
(ii) attrition
(iii) resumption
(iv) rivalries
(v) complacency
(vi) strife
A. (ii), (v)
B. (v), (iii)
C. (i), (iv)
D. (ii), (iv)
E. (iii), (vi)

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The given passage has highlighted the difference of reaction by America over the treatment towards journalists. The American administration was strictly against the Ryanair Flight 4978 diversion incident but was silent when the similar incident happened in Rwanda. Here, the most appropriate words for the given blanks will be 'outrage' and 'disgraceful'. Hence, option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Outrage- an extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation.
Competence- the ability to do something successfully or efficiently.
Contingent- subject to chance.
Disgraceful- shockingly unacceptable.
Affinity- a natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.
Superfluous-unnecessary, especially through being more than enough.

2) Answer: A

The given paragraph is related to the political speech delivered by Yair Lapid in which he criticised the members of the coalition Benjamin Netanjyahu for the way they have behaved towards the new Prime Minister. Here, the most appropriate words for the given blanks will be "reprimanded" and "heckling". Hence, option (a) is the correct answer choice.

Reprimanded- a formal expression of disapproval.
Heckling- interrupt (a public speaker) with derisive or aggressive comments or abuse.
Reconciled- make someone accept a disagreeable or unwelcome thing.
Intimidated- to frighten or threaten someone.
Overwhelm- to defeat someone or something by using a lot of force.
Contemplating- look thoughtfully for a long time at.

3) Answer: E

The given paragraph has clearly highlighted the need to build a cordial relationship with the opponents even if they don't initially respond in the similar manner. Also, the writer has suggested focusing on the areas of agreement and not disagreement. Here, the most appropriate words for the given blanks will be "reciprocate" and "discord". Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

Reciprocate- respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.
Discord- disagreement between people.
Suffice- be enough or adequate.
Malaise- a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify.
Retract- draw back.
Cellar- a room below ground level in a house, often used for storing wine or coal.

4) Answer: B

The given paragraph has mentioned a memoir of Mr. Lobrano which follows more of a poetic style and describes a part of his life as a young child.

Here, the most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks will be "threaded" and "boyhood".

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer choice.

Threaded- denoting or relating to messages forming part of a linked sequence.
Boyhood- the state or time of being a boy.
Mulled- think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.
Retrieved- get or bring (something) back from somewhere.

Jargon- special words or expressions used by a profession or group that are difficult for others to understand.

Bonhomie- cheerful friendliness; geniality.

5) Answer: D

The given paragraph illustrates the match between Djokovic and Nadal which eventually resulted in the victory of the former. The writer has exalted the match as one of a very high stature. Here, the most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks will be “attrition” and “rivalries”. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer choice.

Attrition- the process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure.

Rivalries- competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field.

Resumption- the action of beginning something again after a pause or interruption.

Extremism- the holding of extreme political or religious views; fanaticism.

Complacency- a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.

Strife- angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 252

Directions: The questions given below carry sentences that carry a blank each of which would be filled with the correct phrasal verbs from the given options. You must read the same carefully and choose the most appropriate option as your answer.

1. One cannot always ___________ appearances.
A. Go into
B. Go upon
C. Go by
D. Go over
E. Go through

2. A few boys were ________ after school hours.
A. Kept in
B. Kept up
C. Kept on
D. Kept back
E. Both (a) and (d)

3. Things are ___________.
A. Looking after
B. Looking on
C. Looking forward
D. Looking up
E. Looking into

4. Unless we ___________, we cannot succeed.
A. Pull through
B. Pull up
C. Pull down
D. Pull in
E. Pull together

5. He immediately __________ organising the department.
A. Set up

B. Set on
C. Set forth
D. Set about
E. Set off

Solutions

1) Answer: C

The phrase in the blank should mean 'judge' or 'form an opinion' because the sentence states that one should not judge based on appearances.

The phrasal verb that means the same is go by.

Go into - to examine or investigate
Go upon - to go ahead or proceed
Go over - scrutiny or check
Go through - to suffer or handle a difficult situation

These meanings further clarify that option (c) is the correct answer.

2. Answer: A

Kept in - is used to indicate that something/one has been confined. In the sentence, the boys have been confined or kept in after school hours.

Kept up - maintained; continued (the usual work)
Kept on - continued (kept on talking…)
Kept back - concealed or hid

The only option that makes the sentence meaningful is (a).

3. Answer: D

Things are improving; picking up is what is intended from the given sentences.

Looking Up means "improving."
Looking after - taking care of someone
Looking on - to regard someone as something
Looking forward - expecting positively
Looking into - investigating

This makes option (d) the best choice.

4. Answer: E

The phrase pull together means "co-operate or work in harmony."

Pull through - to pass something with a difficulty
Pull up - is to scold or rebuke
Pull down - to destroy or demolish

Pull in is not a phrasal verb and carries no specific meaning.

So, the best as per the given choices is option (e).

5. Answer: D

The given sentence needs a phrase that means to take steps in the direction or work for something.

Set up - to create or start a business; pretend to be something/one

Set on - instigated; provoked

Set forth - explained or made known

Set off -started a journey

Set about - take steps towards

The given options clarify that only the fourth one can complete the sentence correctly

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 253

Directions: In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks followed by five options; You have to choose from the given options the right pair of words to be filled in the blank and mark it as your answer.

1. Every (a)______ teaches us and provides us with the experience to (b)______ best practices.
A. calamity, adopt
B. calamity, adept
C. aspect, adopt
D. aspect, adept
E. None of the above

2. The US envoy to Israel said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should slow progress on a judicial (a)_________that could make it harder for Washington to help him promote (b)_________with Saudi Arabia or deal with Iran. A. precession, ties
B. overhaul, ties
C. overhaul, foe
D. precession, foe
E. None of the above

3. Twelve newly (a)________________pieces of music will play at the (b)_____________of Britain's King Charles at Westminster Abbey this May, including Greek Orthodox music, Buckingham Palace said, with the 18th century "Zadok the Priest" also to be featured.
A. commissioned, incarnation
B. facilitated, coronation
C. commissioned, coronation
D. facilitated, incarnation
E. None of the above

4. Russia's nearly yearlong invasion of Ukraine has (a)_____________ discussions at the Munich conference, an annual (b)____________of security and defence officials from around the world.
A. dominated, prevaricated

B. highbrow, gathering
C. highbrow, prevaricated
D. dominated, gathering
E. None of the above

5. Ukraine, owing to (a)___________military aid from key (b)________, too, has indicated that it too is fully prepared to counter any attack.

A. disdainful, allies
B. sardonic, allies
C. allying, military
D. generous, allies
E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Here, calamity should be used in first blank and adopt in second as calamity means an event causing great and often sudden damage or distress and adopt means to take and use of something and here sentence tries to convey the importance of adopting best practices during a calamity. So, option A is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B

Here, overhaul should be used in first blank and ties in second blank as overhaul means to look at something carefully and change or repair it if necessary and ties means a strong connection between people or organizations and in this sentence the slow progress on a judicial overhaul is being talked about and both words fit best. So, option B is the correct answer. Foe- an enemy.

Precession- Precession is a change in the orientation of the rotational axis of a rotating body

Overhaul- to look at something carefully and change or repair it if necessary

3) Answer: C

Here, commissioned should be used in the first blank and coronation in the second blank. Commissioned means produced specifically to order and here the same is being done for the coronation of Prince Charles. So, option C is the correct answer.

Coronation- an official ceremony at which somebody is made a king or queen

Incarnation- (a person that is) a perfect example of a particular quality

4) Answer: - D

Here, dominated should be used in the first blank and gathering in the second blank. Ukraine has dominated the discussions at the Munich conference which means have power and influence over and gathering means a meeting which fits in second blank. So, option D is the correct answer.

Prevaricated- to avoid answering a question directly in order to hide the truth

5) Answer: - D

Here, it is being talked about in a sentence by friends of Ukraine who were generous by helping it in the counter attack. Therefore, generous should be used in first blank and allies in second blank. So, option D is the correct answer.

Generous- happy to give more money, help, etc. than is usual or expected

Allies- a country that has an agreement to support another country, especially in a war

Disdainful- showing that someone does not like someone or something and thinks that they do not deserve interest or respect:

Sardonic- showing that you think you are better than other people and not taking others seriously

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 254

Direcitons: Given below are few questions with two sentences each and each containing one blank. You have to fill in the blank with the proper word available in the options in order to make sentence contextually correct. If none of the option is suitable then choose option E as your answer.

1.

a. Tactical nuclear weapons refer to those used for specific gains on a battlefield rather than those with the __________________ to wipe out cities.

b. Tunisia has taken over from Libya as a main departure point for people ____________________ poverty and conflict in Africa and the Middle East in the hope of a better life in Europe.

A. apt, fleeing
B. wreck, sustaining
C. capacity, sustaining
D. capacity, fleeing
E. None of the above

2.

a. According to UN data, at least 12,000 _______________ who reached Italy this year set sail from Tunisia, compared with 1,300 in the same period of 2022.

b. Europe risks seeing a huge wave of migrants arriving on its shores from North Africa if financial ____________ in Tunisia is not safeguarded.

A. descendant, instability
B. migrant, instability
C. migrant, stability
D. descendant, stability
E. None of the above

3.

a. A string of Western governments and institutions have banned TikTok in recent weeks, including the UK parliament, the Dutch and Belgian _________________ and the New Zealand parliament.

b. Concerns have _____________ globally about the potential for the Chinese government to access users' location and contact data through ByteDance, TikTok's Chinese parent company.

A. administrations, mounted

B monarchs, mounted

C. administrations, unmounted

D. monarchs, unmounted

E. None of the above

4.

a. The Department of Consumer Affairs has announced the formation of a committee to ____________ the stock of Tur held by various entities such as importers, millers, stockists, traders, and others.

b. The government aims to deal with hoarders and ___________ speculators in the market and keep the prices of Tur under control in the coming months.

A. perplex, unscrupulous

B. monitor, unscrupulous

C. servile, scrupulous

D. servile, unscrupulous

E. None of the above

5.

a. In August 2022, the government issued an advisory to the States/UTs to enforce stock ______________ in respect of Tur under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

b. _____________ who have taken out a home loan over the past two years have found themselves in a tight spot due to non-stop interest rate hikes from May 2022.

A. disclosure, administrators

B. entity, individuals

C. entity, administrators

D. disclosure, individuals

E. None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Here, capacity fits best in the first blanks as it means the ability to understand or do something or the amount that one can hold and here former is meant and in the second blank fleeing will be used as it means to run away or escape from something as the departure of people due to poverty is talked in this sentence. So, option D is the correct answer.

Wreck means any object that has been badly damaged.

Apt means suitable.

2. Answer: C

Here, migrant fits best in the first blank as the departure of people is being talked and stability fits best in the second blank as financial stability is not safeguarded in Tunisia resulting in the migration of people. So, option C is the correct answer.

3. Answer: A

Here, administrations will be used in the first blanks as it means the process or activity of running an organization and here running of parliament is talked about and mounted will be used in the second blank as it means to take place and here concerns have mounted. So, option A is the correct answer.

4. Answer: B

Here, the monitor will be used in first blanks as it means to take records or information of something and here information about stock is talked about and in second blank unscrupulous fits best as it means having or showing no moral principles or not honest or fair as here hoarders and speculators are mentioned and for them it fits best. So, option B is the correct answer. Servile means wanting too much to please somebody and so obey them.

5. Answer: D

Here, disclosure fits best in the first blank as it means the process of making facts or information known to the public and here stock disclosure is talked about and it fits best and in the second blank individuals fits best as it means considered separately rather than as part of a group. So, option D is the correct answer.

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Single/Double Fillers Shot - 255

Directions: In the following questions a sentence is given with two blanks. The sentence is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1) The government was_______to examine the issue through discussions among political parties and______ a judicially appointed panel.

a) reluctant, favoured
b) burgeon, shackle
c)concise, relegate
d) cognizant, amoros
e)None of the above

2) The_________ before a bench headed by the now retired justice of India offered crucial_______ of the political economy of welfarism.

a)perjury, cognizant
b)override, imply
c) proceedings, perspectives
d) legislature, crucial
e)None of the above

3) The bench moved from__________ reference to ________ to making rational distinctions between welfare schemes and socio economic concessions and pole time announcement for material goods and items as incentives to vote.

a)largess, enforceable
b) deem, definite
c)philistine, controversial
d)vague, freebies
e)None of the above

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4) Most parties oppose any_______on their right to appeal to voters through means of their choice and, if elected, use their_________ to distribute finances and resources as they deem fit, subject to law and legislative approval.

a) sop, manifesto
b) fetters, mandate
c) petitioners, intervention
d) omnibus, discourse
e) None of the above

5) It ruled that the________ principles of state policy allow such schemes and that spending of public funds on them could not be questioned if it was based on___________passed by the legislature.

a) enforceable, generosity
b) underrate, upholstery
c) directive, appropriations
d) useable, erudite
e)None of the above

Solutions

1) Answer: A

Option a is correct. As reluctant means feeling or showing aversion, hesitation, or unwillingness And favoured means supported or preferred over anyone or anything else. Whereas burgeon means to grow and expand rapidly And shackle means something that checks or prevents free action as if by fetters. Amoros means tenderness. used as a direction in music.

Relegate means to put somebody/something into a lower level or position. Hence option a is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

2) Answer: C

Option c is correct as proceedings means a particular step or series of steps in the enforcement, adjudication, or administration of rights, remedies, laws, or regulation And perspectives means a particular way of considering something. Perjury means the act of telling a lie in a court of law. Cognizant means knowledge of something, especially through personal experience. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

3) Answer: D

Option d is correct as vague means not clearly defined, grasped, or understood And freebies means something (such as a theater ticket) given without charge. Largesse means generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others. Philistine means a person who is guided by materialism and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values. Hence option d is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

4) Answer: B

Option b is correct as fetters means clog, hamper, manacle, shackle, and trammel. Mandate means the power that is officially given to a group of people to do something, especially after they have won an election. Omnibus means relating to, or providing for many things at once. Sop means a thing of no great value given or done as a concession to appease someone whose main concerns or demands are not being met. Discourse means verbal interchange of ideas. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

5) Answer: C

Option c is correct as directive means something that serves to direct, guide, and usually impel toward an action or goal. And appropriations means an act or instance of appropriating something. Upholstery means materials (such as fabric, padding, and springs) used to make a soft covering especially for a seat. Underrated means to rate or value (something or someone) too low. Generosity means giving good things to others freely and abundantly. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

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Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks that indicate that some parts are missing. Identify the correct word that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1. Chennai Super Kings would be hoping to pick up two more points ______ Delhi Capitals.

a) Together

b) Against

c) Towards

d) With

e) None of the given options.

2. An agitated Nepalese lawmaker ______ his shirt in the House of Representatives for not being allowed to speak.

a) taking on

b) take of

c) taking off

d) took off

e) None of the given options.

3. Kaspersky, a cybersecurity and digital privacy company, announced the _________ of IT veteran Adrian Hia as its new Managing Director for the Asia Pacific.

a) acting

b) function

c) appointment

d) resignation

e) None of the given options.

4. Nitish Rana has been _____ ₹ 12 lakhs after his team maintained a slow over-rate.

a) fined

b) billed

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c) fining

d) cost

e) None of the given options.

5. Local panchayat officials claim to have ________ an awareness drive in tribal hamlets to ensure that they exercise their franchise.

a) rise

b) announced

c) convinced

d) conducted

e) None of the given options.

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1. Answer: B

Here the sentence speaks about the competition where the winners will get two points so here one team is competing with the other to obtain
those two points, so the correct word to convey this is “against”. The words in other options “together”, “towards” and “with” changes the context and meaning of the sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘b’.

2. Answer: D

Here the sentence speaks about the removing shirt because of anger as he is not allowed to speak in the House of Representatives so the correct word to indicate this is “took off”. The words in other options are grammatically wrong so these options are eliminated. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘d’.

3. Answer: C

Here the sentence speaks about the new managing director of the company so the correct word to convey this is “appointment”. The words in the other option “acting”, “function” and “resignation” are out of context so these options are eliminated. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘c’.

4. Answer: A

here the sentence speaks about the breakage of rules thus if a rule is broken then a fine will be charged so the correct word that fits the blank is “fined”. The other words in the options “billed”, “fining” and “cost” do not fit the blank as these words are out of context with the sentence so these options are eliminated. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘a’.

5. Answer: D

here the sentence speaks about an awareness programme for tribal hamlets to know about their rights so the correct word to convey this is “conducted”. The words in other options “rise”, “convinced” and “announced” do not fit the sentence as it changes the meaning of the full sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘d’.

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Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with a blank that indicates that some part is missing. Identify the correct word that fits in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

1. The areas under the ______ of the Maoists have shrunk by more than 50% in the last two years.

a) confidence

b) ecstasy

c) influence

d) existence

e) none of the given options.

2. The new staff found it difficult to ______ with the old staff.

a) mix into

b) get well

c) mix

d) get along

e) None of the given options.

3. It was a very ______ situation where 100 % IQ is necessary to come out of it.

a) slender

b) delicate

c) serious

d) careful

e) None of the given options.

4. A ______ of rocking music made them dance.

a) blast

b) thrust

c) pile

d) group

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e) None of the given options.

5. The music played was so ______ that even the dog didn't notice the thieves.

a) sad

b) awful

c) soothing

d) rough

e) None of the given options.

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1. Answer: C

Here the sentence speaks about the data regarding the control of Maoists in the last two years in which it has seen a reduction thus only the word "influence" fits the blank as it conveys the control of the Maoist. All the other words given in the other options do not fit the blank as it alters the original meaning of the sentence.
Therefore the correct choice of answer is option 'c'.

2. Answer: D

here the given sentence speaks about the relationship between existing and old staff therefore the correct word to convey this meaning is "get along". All the words given in other options do not give the original context of the sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option 'd'.

3. Answer: B

here the sentence speaks about the situation where it tells the solution for it so the correct word that fits the blank to convey the situation is "delicate" which means requiring great caution or tact. All the words in the other option do not fit the blank as it changes the original context of the sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option 'b'.

4. Answer: A

here the sentence speaks about the expression of happiness about the must so the correct word that fits the blank contextually is “blast” which conveys how the music was. All the words in the other option do not suit the blank as it does suit the context of the given sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘a’.

5. Answer: C

here the sentence talks about the two simultaneous even which is dependent on each other i.e. the thieves entered the house even with the dogs' security but no one noticed because the music was so relaxing that everyone slept so the correct word to convey this is “soothing”. All the other options change the original context of the sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘c’.

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Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with two blanks that indicate that some parts are missing. Identify the correct pair of words that fit in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct..

1. The manager wanted a ______ assistant who would ______ his orders.

a) decisive, step

b) rude, relate

c) rigid, follow

d) pliant, obey

e) None of the given options.

2. The angry captain has vowed to ______ an act of ______ against the terrorists who killed his fellow soldiers.

a) commit, desire

b) perpetrate, vengeance

c) perfect, dissent

d) kill, reverence

e) None of the given options.

3. _______ to the sunray will lead to burnt skin, so it is necessary to ______ yourself with sunscreen.

a) revelation, dome

b) airing, adhere

c) exposure, protect

d) display, cover

e) None of the given options.

4. The announcement of _______ by the ruling party before the election is considered as a ________ of code of conduct.

a) provisions, appeasement

b) freebies, breach

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c) favours, imposition

d) manifests, violation

e) None of the given options.

5. The programme was _______ for 10 days but later it was _______ to three days.

a) Scheduled, reduced

b) formed, skipped

c) framed, detailed

d) designated, decreased

e) None of the given options.

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1. Answer: D

the word pliant means easily manipulated or controlled so this word will suit the first blank perfectly other words “decisive”, “rude” and “rigid” changes the context of the sentence. In the second blank the word “obey” fits perfectly as no choice is available in the option. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘d’.

2. Answer: B

here the sentence speaks about the captain who is angry about the act committed by the terrorists so the correct pair of words that fit the blanks are “perpetrate” which means to execute or carry out and in the second blank the correct word that fits is “vengeance” which means punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘b’.

3. Answer: C

The sentence speaks about sun rays which lead to dangers and the only way to protect is to use sunscreen so the correct word that fits the two blanks are “exposure” and “protect”. All the other options do not fit the blank as it changes the meaning of the sentence. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘c’.

4. Answer: B

Here the sentence speaks about the gifts or things given by the government just before the election which is an illegal act, so the correct words that fit the blank are “freebies” and “breach”. In the other options, only one part of the word fits the blank and the other word doesn’t get suited so these options are eliminated. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘b’.

5. Answer: A

here the sentence speaks about the programme which was pre-planned for 10 days but due to specific reasons it was only conducted for only 3 days so the correct words that fit the blanks are “scheduled” and “reduced”. Options ‘b’ and ‘c’ are eliminated directly as the words give different meaning which does not suit the blank. In option‘d’ the word “decreased” will fit the blank but “designated” is out of context with the sentence so this option is also eliminated. Therefore the correct choice of answer is option ‘a’.

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Directions: In the questions below, two sentences are given with one blank in each. Both the given blanks will be filled by the same word(s), you have to find the correct word(s) which can fill both blanks to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

1)

a) The company rejected him saying he is not ______ for the position.

b) Those blue jeans don't ___ me anymore.

a. Fit

b. suit

c. apt

a) Only 1

b) Both 1 and 2

c) Both 1 and 3

d) Both 2 and 3

e) All 1,2 and 3

2)

a) Please don't ______ the problem as it is not as simple as it seems.

b) He tried to jump from the _______ point that we went to get a view of the mountains.

a. Avoid

b. Look

c. overlook

a) Both 2 and 3

b) Only 2

c) Only 3

d) All 1,2 and 3

e) Only 1

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3)

a) She had to ______ so much pain during her third surgery but felt all worth it when it was a success.

b) The captain of the team makes sure his team's legacy will ______.

a. Go Through

b. experience

c. Endure

a) Only 3

b) All 1,2 and 3

c) Both 1 and 3

d) Only 1

e) Only 2

4)

a) He did not expect the _________ response from the audience for his play on Mahabharata.

b) I have this ________ desire to start my own business.

a. Overwhelming

b. Great

c. prominent

a) Only 1

b) Only 2

c) Only 1 and 2

d) Both 1 and 3

e) All 1,2 and 3

5)

a) In today's world, instant _______ is everything and as a result people's mind becomes impatient very quickly.

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b) Much to his ________, his speech got recognised at the international level.

a. Gratification

b. Appreciation

c. expectation

a) Both 1 and 2

b) Both 2 and 3

c) Both 1 and 3

d) Only 1

e) Only 3

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1) Answer: A

The company rejected him saying he is not fit for the position. Those blue jeans don't fit me anymore.

Fit is the right pick here. Both suit and apt meat sound similar but they make the sentence incorrect.

2) Answer: C

Please don't overlook the problem as it is not as simple as it seems - here overlook is used as a verb with meaning to not look deep into.

He tried to jump from the overlook point that we went to get a view of the mountains - it is used as a noun here, overlook point is a viewpoint on the heights.

3) Answer: A

She had to endure so much pain during her third surgery but felt all worth it when it was a success - to endure is to undergo

The captain of the team makes sure his team's legacy will endure - will endure means 'will continue'

4) Answer: E

All the three words given as options fit the blanks given.

Overwhelming - extremely great

Prominent - noticeable and important

5) Answer: D

In today’s world, instant gratification is everything and as a result people's mind becomes impatient very quickly.

Much to his gratification, his speech got recognised at the international level.

Gratification means a kind of pleasure.

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Directions: In the following questions a sentence is given with two blanks. The sentence is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1) It is important for India to_________ with attempts to designate both Makki and Asghar without_______faith in the process.

a.stratum, curtailing
b. ostensible, eternal
c. persevere, losing
d.subtle, amenity
e.None of the above

2) The two slides________ in the maritime sphere this week after India made its concerns over the proposed_________of a Chinese satellite tracking ship at Sri lanka's Hambantota.

a.austere, incessant
b.sparred, docking
c.abhorring, unaccounted
d.although, disastrous
e.None of the above

3) Asghar is wanted for his role in_______ his brother Masood Azhar in the most___________ way.

a.dilemma, raspberry
b. downturn, standoff
c.obstacle, swing
d.freeing, dastardly
e.None of the above

4) The goal behind the UNSC listings is to ensure that________of terrorist acts are held accountable and the_______ must be on working through all the avenues.

a.leverage, deficit
b.perpetrators, emphasis
c.insensitive, convict

d.prodigal, sordid
e.None of the above

5) The________are that candidates who did well in the __________process held by the School Service Commission were sidelined and jobs were given for monetary and political conditions.
a.agony, sacking
b.garner, idyllic
c.allegations, recruitment
d.hostage, swung
e. None of the above

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1. Answer: C

Option c is correct as persevere means to continue trying to do or achieve something that is difficult. And losing means to fail to win, gain, or obtain. Whereas Stratum means a bed or layer artificially made. Curtailing means to make less by or as if by cutting off or away some part. Subtle means difficult to understand or perceive. Amenity means something that helps to provide comfort, convenience, or enjoyment. Ostensible means intended for display. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

2. Answer: B

Option b is correct as sparred means contend, quarrel, argue, bicker, wrangle, and dispute. And Docking means berth, tie up, moor, rendezvous, anchor, and join. Austere means stern and unfriendly in appearance and manner. Incessant means continuing or following without interruption. Abhorring means to feel hatred or loathing for. Although is used to link two contrasting ideas or show that one fact makes the other fact surprising. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contextually correct.

3. Answer: D

Option d is correct as freeing means to let somebody/something leave or escape from a place where he/she/it is held. And dastardly means characterized by underhandedness or treachery. Whereas dilemma means a situation in which one has to choose between two or more things, ways, or plans that are equally unsatisfactory. Raspberry means a small, soft, red fruit that grows on a bush. Downturn means a downward turn especially toward a decline in business and economic activity. Standoff means a situation in which neither side has won a competition or argument. Obstacle means something that stands in the way of progress or achievement. And Swing means to move along with free swaying movements. Hence option d is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

4. Answer: B

Option b is correct as perpetrators means a person who commits a crime or does something that is wrong or evil. And emphasis means giving special importance or attention to something. Whereas leverage means influence or power used to achieve a desired result. Deficit means the amount by which a sum of money falls short of the required amount. Insensitive means lacking feeling or tact. Convict means to find or prove to be guilty. Prodigal means exuberant, lavish, lush, luxuriant, and profuse. Sordid means unpleasant; not honest or moral. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

5. Answer: C

Option c is correct as allegations means charge, accusation; claim, contention. And recruitment means the process of actively seeking out, finding and hiring candidates for a specific position or job. Whereas agony means intense pain of mind or body. And sacking it means an act of removing someone from a job. Hostage means a person held by one party in a conflict as a pledge pending the fulfillment of an agreement. Swung means to quickly start doing something. And idyllic means pleasing or picturesque in natural simplicity. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

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1. Although he applied for many corporate jobs, he ___________ all of them to pursue his career in photography.

a) Cancelled

b) Pulled out

c) Turned down

d) Put down

e) Went against

2. Sheela _____________ the grudge she had on her ex-husband and it was very prominent at the party.

a) Carried over

b) Put on

c) Hold up

d) Sat back

e) Got in

3. You'll have to ___________ all the six subjects to complete this semester and move to next.

a) Put up with

b) Get through

c) Go through

d) Pass out

e) Wipe out

4. Ram has always had his priorities sorted and _________ a part of his hard earned money as savings to lead a peaceful life.

a) Gave up

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b) Backed off

c) Set down

d) Set aside

e) Backed up

5. The interview went for straight 20 Mins and after that, the interviewer informed me that she will __________ to me later.

a) Call for

b) Get ahead

c) Get back

d) Let out

e) Look up

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1. Answer: C

Although he applied for many corporate jobs, he turned down all of them to pursue his career in photography.

To turn down is to refuse.

Meaning of other options:

Pull out - to leave

Put down - to end something

Went against - to oppose

2. Answer: A

Sheela carried over the grudge she had on her ex-husband and it was very prominent at the party.

Meaning of the phrasal verbs given:

Carried over - to retain

Put on - to dress

Hold up - delay

Sat back - to rest the body with proper support

Got in - to arrive

3. Answer: B

You'll have to get through all the six subjects to complete this semester and move to next.

Meaning of the phrasal verbs given :

Put up with - to adjust with someone/something that is annoying/disturbing/irritating

Get through - to deal successfully

Go through - to experience the unpleasant

Pass out - become unconscious

Wipe out - to destroy something

4. Answer: D

Ram has always had his priorities sorted and set aside a part of his hard earned money as savings to lead a peaceful life.

Meaning of the phrasal verbs given :

Gave up - to cease

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Backed off - to withdraw
Set down - to place at rest
Set aside - to save for a specific purpose
Backed up - to support

5. Answer: C

The interview went for straight 20 Mins and after that the interviewer informed me that she will get back to me later.

Meaning of the phrasal verbs given :
Call for - to request
Get ahead - be more successful than others
Get back - to return
Let out - to release
Look up to- to have a respect for someone

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Directions: In the following questions a sentence is given with two blanks. The sentence is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

1. The patient was________treatment in a private hospital for______ fatigue and brain fever.

a. going, seek

b. vortex, avail

c. undergoing, severe

d. eternal, associate

e. None of the above

2) A________after India confirmed its first case of monkeypox, it has_______ its first casualty.

a. fortnight, reported

b. sideline, considerations

c. merely, irregularities

d. austere, ideal

e. None of the above

3) There are enough tools, mechanisms, structures and________in India's parliamentary history that can be____upon by the current set of legislators to bring back useful deliberation.

a. simplicity, acted

b. matriarch, unaccounted

c. precedents, relied

d. agony, hold

e. None of the above

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4) The Indian Council of Medical Research has_________the______of the virus and invited vaccine makers to develop a vaccine.

a. abjected, vapid

b. isolated,strain

c. infused, compelling

d. dismissed,Caliber

e. None of the above

5) The death in Thrissur highlights the need for a thorough_______as well as a public_________on the case progression.

a. vehement, equanimity

b. axiom, chronic

c. hierarchy, foliage

d. probe, disclosure

e. None of the above

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1. Answer: C

Option c is correct as undergoing means to submit to, endure, to go through or experience. And severe means causing discomfort or hardship. Whereas vortex means a mass of air, water, etc. that turns around very fast and pulls things into its centre. And Avail means to produce or result in as a benefit or advantage. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

2. Answer: A

Option a is correct as fortnight means A fortnight is “a period of two weeks,” that is, “fourteen days and nights. And reported means to give an account of. Whereas austere means very simple; without decoration. And Merely means only; and nothing more. Hence option a is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

3. Answer: C

Option c is correct as precedents means an earlier occurrence of something similar. And relied means to need somebody/something and not be able to live or work properly without him/her/it. Whereas matriarch means a woman who rules a family, group, or state. Agony means intense pain of mind or body. And unaccounted means not accounted for; not understood; unexplained. Hence option c is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

4. Answer: B

Option b is correct as isolated means separated from other persons or things; alone; solitary. And strain means pressure that is put on something when it is pulled or pushed by a physical force. Whereas abjected means terrible and without hope. Vapid means lacking flavor, zest, interest, animation, or spirit. Compelling means tending to demand action or to convince. Caliber means the quality or ability of a person or thing liber. To cause to be permeated with something (such as a principle or quality) that alters usually for the better. Hence option b is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

5. Answer: D

Option d is correct as probe means to search into and explore very thoroughly. And disclosure means the act of making something known or the fact that is made known. Whereas vehement means showing very strong (often negative) feelings, especially anger. Equanimity means evenness of mind especially under stress. a rule
or principle that most people believe to be true. Chronic means continuing or occurring again and again for a long time. And foliage means a representation of leaves, flowers, and branches for architectural ornamentation. Hence option d is most suitable to make the sentence contexually correct.

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Directions: Each of the following questions contains two blanks. There are five pairs of alternatives for each sentence. Select the pair of words that best suit the sentence grammatically and contextually.

1) Social abuses and __________ rituals like female feticide, Sati, child marriage and domestic abuse obstruct the due ________ of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Beti Padhao' scheme.

a) progressive, acceptance

b) liberal, acknowledgement

c) orthodox, execution

d) consentaneous, popularization

e) unopposed, recognition

2) The socioeconomic adversity, financial discrimination, poverty, abduction of social privileges, and political challenges are bound to have a ___________ impact on the ________ of a terrorist.

a) favorable, growth

b) constructive, progress

c) idyllic, well-being

d) detrimental, psyche

e) ideal, branding

3) The coronavirus pandemic ___________ a period of _________ change and growth at the European Broadcasting Union.

a) precipitated, unprecedented

b) developed, transcendence

c) bloomed, repute

d) rose, esteem

e) originated, venerate

4) Galileo, Kepler, and Newton were willing to accept the ___________ of their discoveries and made ___________ contributions to the field of astronomy.

a) root, dominion

b) repercussions, influential

c) consequences, renown

d) drawbacks, import

e) fame, insignificant

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5) A novel about a _________ war written from the perspective of a soldier allows the reader to _________ their memories, pain, and emotions without actually being that person.

a) cataclysmic, envision

b) devastating, visualizing

c) annihilative, imagining

d) affront, envisioning

e) blemish, imagine

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1) Answer: C

Progressive (adjective) means to favor or promote modern ideas. Liberal (adjective) means to show broad-mindedness. Social abuses, female feticide, Sati, etc. are not broadminded or modern ideas. Thus, options a and b are incorrect. Consentaneous (adjective) means to show agreement. The aforementioned practices were not agreed or deemed favorable by everybody. Thus, option d is incorrect.

Unopposed (adjective) means to not have opposition. The said practices were opposed by reformists and opposed by various sections of the society. Thus, option e is incorrect. Thus, only c is correct where orthodox (adjective) means to adhere to something that is commonly accepted and execution (noun) means to cause to happen. Thus, the pair of words in option c fits the blanks grammatically and contextually.

The right sentence is:

Social abuses and orthodox rituals like female foeticide, Sati, child marriage and domestic abuse obstruct the due execution of the the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Beti Padhao' scheme.

2) Answer: D

The words favorable (adjective) (indicates something that is approving or pleasing), constructive (adjective) (means to intend to improve or promote positive development), idyllic (adjective) (indicates something that is peaceful and pleasing), and ideal (adjective) (which denotes the idea of something that is perfect) convey positive meanings. But the sentence speaks about how several issues affect a terrorist. These issues do not impose positive effect on a person. Thus, options a, b, c, and e are incorrect.

Option d consists of words detrimental (adjective) (means damaging) and psyche (noun) (means the actuating cause of an individual life) that best suit the sentence grammatically and contextually.

The right sentence is:

The socioeconomic adversity, financial discrimination, poverty, abduction of social privileges, and political challenges are bound to have a detrimental impact on the psyche of a terrorist.

3) Answer: A

The second blank should include an adjective to describe the noun – change. But the alternatives given for the second blank in options b, c, d, e are not adjectives. Transcendence (adjective), repute (verb/noun), esteem (noun/verb), and venerate (verb). Thus, options b, c, d, and e are incorrect.

Option a consists of the words precipitated (verb) (to bring about abruptly) and unprecedented (adjective) (novel) which fit the sentence grammatically and contextually.

The right sentence is:

The coronavirus pandemic precipitated a period of unprecedented change and growth at the European Broadcasting Union

4) Answer: B

The second blank of the sentence should include an adjective since it should describe the noun – contributions. The alternatives given for the second blank in options a, c, and d are not adjectives. (Dominion – noun, renown – noun, import – verb/noun). Thus options a, c, and d are incorrect.

The last option proposes the word insignificant for the second blank. Insignificant (adjective) (signifying nothing) may be grammatically right, but contextually insignificant is incorrect because the contributions of the aforementioned scientists have greatly influenced the world and the field of science in specific. Thus, option e is incorrect.

Option b consists of words repercussions (noun) (effects of an event happening) and influential (adjective) (having power or influence over

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people) and these words suit the sentence grammatically and contextually.

The right sentence is:

Galileo, Kepler, and Newton were willing to accept the repercussions of their discoveries and made influential contributions to the field of astronomy.

5) Answer: A

The first blank of the sentence should include an adjective because it should describe the noun – war. The alternatives given for the first blank in option d and e and are not adjectives. Affront (noun/verb) - A deliberately offensive act or something producing the effect of deliberate disrespect or to treat someone rudely. The word blemish (noun/verb) – to affect or damage with something undesirable. Thus, options e and d are incorrect.

The second blank of the sentence should include a verb. But the verb should be in simple present form and not present participle form to ensure that the sentence thus formed is grammatically right. Options b and c suggest verbs in the present participle form for the second blank.

Thus, options b and c are incorrect.

Option a includes words cataclysmic (adjective) – severely destructive and envision (verb) – to image which fit the sentence grammatically and contextually.

The right sentence is:

A novel about a cataclysmic war written from the perspective of a soldier allows the reader to envision their memories, pain, and emotions without actually being that person.

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Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank in it. Choose a word from the given options that would fill the blank in the given sentence..

1) The 'India First' policy has also been ______ the nation on the path of expansion of economy.

A. Following

B. Guiding

C. Tailing

D. Shadowing

E. Trailing

2) SDG 6 is not just about infrastructure and resources but is also about a cross-sectional solution for an equitable future for all, by ______ basic necessity of water.

A. Ensured

B. Insuring

C. Assuring

D. Ensuring

E. Both C and D

3) Gram Pradhan Sadak Yojana has improved rural connectivity, ______, it is equally crucial to maintain, renovate and rebuild these roads over time.

A. However

B. Moreover

C. Whatever

D. Besides

E. Additionally

4) Nations across the globe, and particularly in Asia, need to _____ their strategies to address the numerous challenges they face.

A. Diverse

B. Diversify

C. Abridge

D. Stabilize

E. Preserve

5) For electrification to be aligned with the netzero target, renewable energy development is an ______ must.

A. Absolutely

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B. Indefinite
C. Completely
D. Utterly
E. Absolute

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1) Answer: B

The context of the statement is about leading the nation on the path of expansion, so guiding would be the best fit. All the other options are opposites of guiding.
Following, Tailing, Trailing: the act of going after or in the tracks of another.

2) Answer: D

To assure is to tell someone everything's OK, to ensure is to make certain, and to insure is to protect financially. Option A doesn't fit grammatically.

3) Answer: A

However is used to introduce a statement that contrasts to statement said previously.
Moreover is used when we want to add something in support of a preceding statement.
Whatever is used as a pronoun to refer anything or everything of a particular kind.
Additionally means in addition to what has been said.

4) Answer: B

Diversify (verb) means to make or become more diverse or varied. Diverse is an adjective and doesn't fit grammatically. Abridge means to shorten. Stabilize means to make stable, steadfast, or firm. Preserve means to maintain (something) in its original or existing state.

5) Answer: E

Option A, C and D are adverbs and the blank needs an adjective.
Option C dosen't go with article 'an' also.

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Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks in it. Choose the words from the given options that would fill both the blanks in each sentence and make them grammatically and contextually correct.

1) Embracing change and _____ in ourselves allows an individual to break free from _____ and move forward.

a) invests, restrictions

b) investing, limitations

c) support, hinder

d) divest, clamping down

e) None of these

2) Yoga is a kind of exercise in which a practitioner _____ the human body into several, distinct and _____ positions to attain physical fitness and flexibility.

a) actify, diversified

b) displace, varied

c) move, similar

d) locomotes, diverse

e) None of these

3) As India has set an export target of $900 Billion in FY 2023-2024, and to achieve this target must _____ towards the pillar industries intending to focus on the _____ export potential

a) disorient, untouched

b) orient, untapped

c) position, undeveloped

d) steer, exploited

e) None of these

4) Science policy engagement refers to the active _____ of scientists and researchers in shaping and _____ policy decisions at various levels, including local, national, and international.

a) involvement, influencing

b) considerations, affecting

c) subsume, impacting

d) include, encouraging

e) None of these

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5) According to UNEP, if one billion people out of the global population of eight billion ______ environment-friendly behaviours in their daily lives, global carbon emissions could ______ by approximately 20 per cent.

a) support, spur

b) adapt, plunge

c) accept, drip

d) adopt, sink

e) None of these

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1) Answer: B

The sentence states that accepting change and investing in ourselves allows an individual to break free from the limitations and move forward.

Option B has the correct words to fill.

Option A is incorrect as the sentence should follow 'parallel grammar structure rule' i.e. if the word embracing is in gerund then investing also should be in gerund form.

Parallel grammar structure rule: each compared item or idea in your sentence follows the same grammatical pattern.

Option C is grammatically incorrect.

Option D has an antonym of the required word.

Hinder: obstruct

Divest: disinvestment

Clamping down: strong action to stop or control something

2) Answer: D

The sentence states that yoga is a kind of exercise in which practitioner (singular noun) moves (plural verb) the body into various positions.

Options A, B and C are grammatically unfit and are eliminated as doesn't follow the subject verb agreement.

Option D is the best fit.

Actify: initiate something; start a function

Diversify: to increase or develop the number or types of something

Displace: move

Locomote: movement, to move from one place to another.

3) Answer: B

The sentence states that India has set an export target of $900bn in FY 2023-24, and to achieve this India must focus on its pillar industries that have unexplored export potential.

Option A, C and D are incorrect as they have the antonym of the required word.

Option B fits grammatically and makes the

sentence meaningful.

Untapped: available but not yet used Orient: When you orient yourself to a new situation or course of action, you learn about it and prepare to deal with it.

Untouched: unused

Exploit: to use something unfairly for your own advantage

Steer: to take control of a situation and try to influence the way it develops

4) Answer: A

The sentence states that science policy engagement refers to the active involvement of scientists and researchers in shaping and influencing policy decisions at various levels.

Option B is incorrect as affecting gives a negative sense to the sentence and the sentence is not about the considerations (thoughts) of scientists and researchers but about their involvement.

Option C and D are incorrect as subsume and include both are verb and the blank needs a noun.

So the option A would be the best fit. Subsume: include or absorb

5) Answer: D

The sentence states that according to UNEP, if 1bn people out of the global population of 8bn accept the environment friendly behaviours in their daily lives, global carbon emission could decrease by approx 20 per cent.

Option A is incorrect as supporting environmental friendly behavior is grammatically incorrect.

Option B is incorrect as the blank needs a word a like accept not like being familiar.

Option C is incorrect as emissions could drip is grammatically incorrect

Option D is correct.

Adapt: to become familiar with a new situation and to change your behavior accordingly
Plunge: to jump, drop or fall suddenly and with force
Drip: to fall in small drops
Sink: to move downwards

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Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks in it. Choose the words from the given options that would fill both the blanks in each sentence and make them grammatically and contextually correct.

1) The Modi-Shah duo would do well to sort the Rajasthan _____ much before the elections or else it could be a _____of Karnataka.

a) Detangle, repeating

b) Unsnarl, novel

c) Tangle, repeat

d) Unravel, reiteration

e) None of these

2) Despite the favourable measures _____ by the government, it would be simplistic to expect industry leaders to achieve a manufacturing ____ on their own.

a) undertaken, push

b) implement, drive

c) pursued, Relinquish

d) conducted, Withdraw

e) None of these

3) The Supreme Court also _____ that the Union government could always _____ private sectors from mining sensitive minerals, as is already the case with uranium under the Atomic Energy Act 1962.

a) Summon, Outlaw

b) Reinstating, approve

c) Reminded, permit

d) Recalled, ban

e) None of these

4) GDP figures are often _______ in favour of the Narendra Modi government but a decadal view shows they're down too even as better metrics like income rises and poverty are much _______

a) Dimmed, prosperous

b) Obscured, privileged

c) Accentuated, excellent

d) highlighted, worse-off

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e) None of these

5) The current ______ of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine has given a _____ to the dedollarization movement.

a) plunge, sink

b) escalation, boost

c) relaxation, hinder

d) decrease, depress

e) None of these

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1) Answer: C

Option C is the best fit.

The sentence states that: the Modi-Shah team would be wise to resolve the Rajasthan issue well in advance of the elections to avoid a repeat of the Karnataka situation.

Tangle: a state of confusion or difficulty

Reiteration: the action of repeating something, typically for emphasis or clarity.

Detangle: untwist.

Unravel: to resolve the intricacy, complexity, or obscurity of

2) Answer: A

Option A would be the correct answer.

The sentence acknowledges that the government has implemented favourable measures or policies to support manufacturing.

However, it suggests that expecting industry leaders alone to drive a significant push in manufacturing would be overly simplistic or naive.

Option B is grammatically incorrect.

Undertake: to decide to do something and start doing it; implement

Push: to move forward by pushing somebody/something

Pursued: to try to achieve something or to continue to do something over a period of time

Relinquish: to stop having or doing something

3) Answer: D

Option D would be the best fit.

The sentence emphasizes that the Supreme Court has recalled or reminded the Union government of its power to ban private actors from engaging in the mining of minerals that are considered sensitive. This serves as a reference to the existing ban on private mining of uranium, which is regulated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1962

Summon: to call or notify to appear at a specified place, especially before a court

Outlaw: to make something illegal

Reinstate: to put back or establish again

4) Answer: D

The sentence suggests that although the Narendra Modi government often highlights GDP figures to demonstrate economic progress, a longer-term perspective shows a decline in GDP. Additionally, while individual incomes have risen, poverty rates have worsened, indicating that the economic benefits are not evenly distributed.

Dimmed: This option means to make something less bright or less intense, which does not directly oppose the idea of highlighting.

Obscured: This option means to conceal, cover, or make something less visible. It is the antonym of "highlighted" as it suggests a reduction in visibility or prominence.

Accentuated: This option means to emphasize or make something more noticeable, which is similar in meaning to "highlighted" and not its antonym.

Promoted: This option means to advance, support, or raise the status of something, which is not directly opposed to the concept of highlighting.

Worse-off: in a less advantageous position; less fortunate or prosperous.

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5) Answer: B

Here is a breakdown of the sentence:

"The current escalation of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine" refers to the recent conflict between the two countries, which began in

February 2022.

"Has given a boost to the de-dollarisation movement" means that the conflict has made countries more likely to reduce their reliance on the US dollar.

"De-dollarization" refers to the move away from the US dollar as the primary currency for international trade and finance.

Plunge: to jump, drop or fall suddenly and with force

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